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HAVE YOU PLEDGED YET?



Dr. James M. Fowler, on the left, President of AEB Board and Director of Lions International, and Al Isenman, member of the AEB Board hold a sign telling the results of the Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program presented to the Downtown Little Rock Lions Club, while asking "Have You Pledged Yet?"

As of January 22, 1975, pledges from 66 Lions Clubs of Arkansas had been received in the AEB Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program. Clubs reporting have pledged a total of \$76,850.57. These same clubs have paid \$20,464.07. By district, the figures look like this:

District	Clubs in District	Number of Clubs Reporting	Amount Pledged	Amount Paid
7-L	38	20	\$16,964.57	\$6,875.41
7-I	42	8	2,982.00	1,362.00
7-O	43	11	3,115.00	1,155.00
7-N	38	10	4,250.00	2,125.00
7-S	36	17	49,539.00	8,946.66

A number of clubs have not yet had a program presented on the expansion program. If your club is one of these, then please contact Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Dr. Jim Fowler, or your District Governor and arrange a time for your club to have the program presented.

In addition to the above figures, the Hill-Burton grant of \$204,000.00 has been approved. The Lions of District 12-N, Tennessee have made a \$500 contribution. Green Hills Lions Club of Tennessee made a \$100 contribution and District 12-N, Tennessee has made a \$5,000 pledge.

Not included in the above figures are pledges of out-of-state board members and AEB staff which totals \$7,473 pledged and \$2,751 paid. As of January 22, 1975, overall totals are as follows: Total pledged (including HB grant): \$291,947.57; Total paid: \$25,661.07.

AEB Re-Accredited for Five Year Period

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, Little Rock, sponsored by Lions Clubs of Arkansas, was recently re-accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC), according to Dr. James M. Fowler, President of the AEB Board of Directors and a Director of Lions International. First accredited in December of 1969, AEB thus became a charter member of NAC. The re-accreditation put AEB among the very first to be so recognized since the organization of NAC in 1967.

The National Accreditation Council was organized after the need was felt for a professional organization to accredit agencies for the blind and visually handicapped. From the first Ad Hoc Committee in the early 1969's came the Commission on Standards for Accreditation (COMSTAC). After a series of Task Forces by COMSTAC involving over 100 persons of many disciplines in rehabilitation and education of the blind, NAC was formed, drawing on the experience of accrediting agencies for schools and hospitals. The standards were published and agencies throughout the country began to request self-evaluation questionnaires and consequently for the accreditation visit of the NAC on-site review team. Such a team visited AEB in July, 1974, prior to its re-accreditation. After an on-site review team has reviewed an agency's operation and interviewed staff members (to see that the agency does what it says it does), the team report goes to the Commission for Accreditation then to the NAC Board of Directors for action.

AEB, currently conducting a Million Dollar Expansion Program for increased facilities and services has, since its beginning, served more than 3,500 blind and visually handicapped from all 50 states and 20 foreign countries.

AEB Receives \$100 From Louisiana Lions

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind recently received a check for \$100 from Lion W. J. Vollmer, District Governor of District 8, Louisiana. The check represented a donation from the Morganza, La. club.

This latest contribution is another in the out-of-state Lions Clubs' contributions to AEB which knows no boundary, just as Lionism knows no boundary. Frank Serio, Jr. is president of the Morganza Lions Club and David A. Nelson is Secretary.

Governor Riley Speaks; Presents Arkansas Traveler Certificate to Estrada

Arkansas Governor, Dr. Bob Riley, was guest speaker at the monthly luncheon meeting of staff and trainees on January 7, 1975, just five days after his inauguration. Formerly Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Riley was sworn in on the resignation of former Governor and Senator-elect Dale Bumpers.

Governor Riley, blinded during WW II, returned to Arkansas and entered college, ultimately obtaining his PhD in political science and becoming a member of the



faculty of Ouachita Baptist University before entering the political arena.

Governor Riley told the trainees not to demean themselves and above all, not to disqualify themselves in seeking employment. He acknowledged that opportunities for blind and visually handicapped persons have increased to the point that they are now accepted, even sought out to become a working, gainful member of society.

After speaking to the trainees, Governor Riley presented Senora Edith Estrada from El Salvador with an "Arkansas Traveler" Certificate, officially designating her a goodwill ambassador of Arkansas.

Board Member Cannon Passes Away Jan. 18

Carroll C. Cannon, aged 65, died January 18 at Forrest City, Arkansas. At the time of his death he was serving on the Board of Directors, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

An attorney, he had practiced law in Forrest City since 1946. He was an active member of the Forrest City Lions Club and especially like serving on the program committee of that club, being instrumental in obtaining some outstanding programs for the club.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Helen H. Cannon, a son, two daughters and one grandchild.

Lions Calendar of Events

May 2-4, 1975
State Convention
Marble Falls, Ark.
Dogpatch USA
June 25-28, 1975
International Convention
Dallas, Texas

Malvern 'Flea Market' Receipts Donated to AEB

Over \$600 was earmarked for the AEB expansion fund by the Malvern Lions Club recently as a result of their "Flea Market." Donations of clothes, jewelry, china, glass, bric-a-brac and other items were made to the Lions Club by the residents of Malvern and the Lions set up the sale in an exhibition building on the fairgrounds. When the club opened the doors to commence the sale, over 40 persons were waiting, eager to browse and buy.

Bill Stillwell is president of the Malvern Lions Club. Club chairmen for the event were Cleve Butler and Jackie Clayton



Veronica Hawe, former trainee, presents ceramic ashtrays and cups that she made, to Mrs. Elise Diesel, AEB recreation worker. The articles will be used for bingo prizes for trainees. Veronica, an artist before her sight began to fail, recently completed an extended course in ceramics at the Arkansas Arts Center.



Shown above are Bill Stillwell on the left, President of the Malvern Lions Club. Others are Cleve Butler and Jackie Clayton, chairmen for the event.



Part of the Merchandise volunteered by citizens of Malvern for the Malvern, Ark., Lions Club "Flea Market" held on December 7 at the Malvern Fairgrounds.



Pictured here are members of the latest Taxpayer Service Representative class to graduate. Standing from the left are Dan Dull, instructor; Mary Joe Strittmatter, Ohio; Linda Kroll, Oklahoma; Larry Maes, New Mexico; Douglas Parker, Michigan. Seated left to right are Mike Malcarne, Connecticut; Mary McClaren, instructor; Bradley Akey, Texas; Joseph Ficaro, Louisiana.



Shown above are some of the members of the AEB Service Advisory Council at the Council's annual meeting held on December 3, 1974, at AEB. From the left are: Raymond Bogardus, Supervisor, Bureau of the Visually Handicapped, Harrisburg, Pa.; Vernon Metcalf, Associate Executive Director, AEB; Vernon J. Broussard, Director, Division for the Blind, Louisiana Department of Family Services and Council Chairman; Mrs. Billie Elder (behind Broussard), AEB Supervisor of Educational Services; Buddy Spivey, Arkansas Blinded Veterans Association; Carl Williams, Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services; Larry Baker, University of Missouri Faculty, St. Louis; Travis Harris, Visual Services Director, Oklahoma Rehabilitation Services.

AFB Releases Results Of Diagnosis Measuring Loss, or Lack of Vision

The American Foundation for the Blind has just released a study titled *Blindness and the Electrical Activity of the Brain: Electroencephalographic Studies of the Effects of Visual Impairment*. The study, originally published in Russian in 1967, deals with the ability of the human brain to adapt to and compensate for extreme sensory deprivation.

Using quantitative methods, the study reportedly elaborates the attempt to measure the effects of sensory impairment, particularly loss or lack of vision, on a large group of both humans and animals (rabbits) using the electroencephalogram (EEG).

The study purports to provide a foundation for further research, notably in areas that may have important implications for practice, i.e., identifying changes that take place in the EEG of blind and deaf persons, supposedly making the EEG a more useful diagnostic tool by preventing some persistent problems such as false positive diagnosis of mental retardation in blind children.

The study, in book form, was edited by Zofja S. Jastrzemska, assistant director, AFB International Research Information Service.

NOTICE

Dr. Jim Fowler has called a very important meeting on February 26, at AEB. Make an extra effort to attend.

By-LIONS



All Around Arkansas

H. Mindel Self, State Secretary, Arkansas Lions reports two new Lions Clubs chartered recently and one to be chartered on February 14.

Nettleton, Arkansas, chartered their club with an organization date of August 20, 1974. Officers include Harry Brewer, President and Gary McCrackin, Secretary. Gosnell, Arkansas, has chartered their club with an organization date of October 31, 1974. Jim Hill is President and Mack Dillipport is Secretary. The Strawberry, Arkansas club will be chartered on February 14. Carroll V. Willmuth is President and Leonard H. Mize is Secretary.

District Governor of District 7-0 is H. Clarence Freeze of Jonesboro. Lynn Pinkett of Newport is the Extension Chairman for the district.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, sex, color or national origin.

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Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest
About Former Trainees

Jon Sitton (1972), Lubbock, Texas writes that he is with the Business Administration Council of the School of Business Administration at Texas Tech University and is currently involved in a study seeking ways to aid handicapped students and is chairing the Committee on Aid to the Handicapped.

Dan McCurley (1964), former College Prep trainee at AEB, has realized a life-long ambition of being a teacher of special skills to blind students in the Shelby County, Tenn. school system. He was recently the subject of an article in the Tennessee Public Welfare Record, published by the Tenn. Department of Public Welfare.

According to the article, after Dan left AEB (where he was referred by the Louisiana Rehabilitation Service), he received his B.S. from LSU. Then, after working outside the teaching profession for a number of years, he entered Peabody College and at the same time began his practice teaching in Atlanta, Ga. From there, he was employed by the Shelby County, Tenn., school system and embarked on his life-long ambition.

Mary McClaren, TSR instructor received approximately 50 Christmas cards and letters from former TSR trainees. We have listed some of the addresses below and will continue to list addresses. In the March Issue, we will bring former trainees up to date on each other. Mary enjoins each of you to get in touch with her.

Michael and Susan Bernay, 4746 North Callisch St., Fresno, CA 93726.

Gary and Kay Beattie, 511 West 22nd Street, Cheyenne, WY 82001
Willard Breedlove, 2511 Chamberlain, Chattanooga, TN 37404.

Eugene and Donna Brown, 10724 Huron St., Northglenn, CO 80234.

Paul and Sharyl Cheek, 5507 A Street, Little Rock, AR 72205.

Paul and Shirley Chouinard, 6 Winter Street, Augusta, Maine 04330.

Lawrence Dickson, 2809 Harriet Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. 55408.

Lyle Donovan, 5075 Narragansett, No. 203, San Diego, CA 92107

James Dobie, 1641 West Highland, Apt. 1, Phoenix, AZ 85015.

Richard Fiorello, 51 Clinton Hts., Elmar, N.Y. 14059.

CHRISTMAS AT AEB



The Pulaski County, Arkansas Lions Clubs annual Christmas party, held at AEB on December 18, 1974, was attended by more than 200 persons. Invited as special guests were blind and visually handicapped persons from throughout Pulaski County. Other special guests included the AEB Board of Directors and their families. Eighty-seven door prizes were awarded. The prizes were donated by AEB suppliers and included cash, savings bonds, gift certificates, hams, turkeys and other food items.

The program, "The Christmas Carol" was presented by the trainees with a slight departure from the traditional story which proved to be the hit of the evening. The cast of characters included Jimmy Jordan, Linda Raschi, Tom Prien, Clay Swinford, David Robinson, Betty Jean Robinson, Ann Basaraba, Brian Turner, Bobby Livingston, Lucille Stewart, Charlotte Himel and John Littler. Master of Ceremonies was Dennis Holter.

In the photo, the cast puts their hearts into the presentation of "The Christmas Carol."

Jeanne McGraw (1973), former College Prep trainee at AEB was recently the subject of an article in the Harding College Bulletin, campus newspaper of Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas. After training at AEB, Jeanne entered Abilene Christian College at

Abilene, Texas, then in the spring of her freshman year, she transferred to Harding, where she now carries 15 semester hours in math, Western Civilization, Bible, sophomore literature and music appreciation, all the while maintaining a 3.93 grade average.

Wickes, Ark. Lions Project



The Wickes, Ark., Lions Club recently purchased street signs for that community. Members then assembled the signs then erected them throughout the community. The street sign project was the last of the club's community projects for the year 1974.

On The Go With AEB

Roy Kumpe, Executive Director, spoke to the state wide staff meeting of the New Mexico Office of Rehabilitation Services on January 10 at Albuquerque, on the subject of AEB services as specially relates to employment opportunities for the blind and visually handicapped. While there he also spoke at the organizational meeting of the New Mexico chapter, American Association of Workers for the Blind (AAWB). Jerry Dunlap, Assistant Director, Oklahoma Visual Services for the Blind assisted in organization of the chapter. Mike Nelipobadich, rehabilitation teacher, DVR, was elected president of the chapter.

During the month of January, Richard T. Ludden, AEB Chaplin-Field Representative traveled to Newport, Wynne, Harrison, Ashdown and Texarkana, Arkansas, with the AEB Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program.

Three members of the AEB staff attended a symposium at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale January 27-29. Louis Rives, Director of Research and Staff Development; Vernon Metcalf, Associate Executive Director; and Elmo Knoch, Director of Vocational Services were participants in the symposium dealing with the establishing of guidelines for use of counselors in job selection of applicants for job opportunities in the information service expeditor field.

In Memoriam

Joseph B. Cooper Jr. (1970), former trainee from South Carolina recently passed away at his home in Louisiana where he was a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the State of Louisiana.

Word has been received that Rodney B. Eickman, (1969), former trainee, passed away in St. Louis, where he was employed by the Internal Revenue Service.

Word has been received from the family of Jacqueline Pisarcik, (1968), former trainee, that she passed away December 27.

Tom Huckaby, (1973), former trainee from Fayetteville, Ark., passed away in December. He was employed by the Internal Revenue Service in Austin, Texas.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

Mrs. Myrtle Mattingly by Mr. and Mrs. James P. Massery

Willis C. Evans by Mrs. Thomas L. Adair, Ted L. Gray

Carr A. Rosamond by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burke

Mr. and Mrs. Don Robbins and Maribeth by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Doyce Pulliam by Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Glover

R. H. Wall by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Browne

Mrs. Irene H. Wilson by J. S. Kochtitzky, Jr.

Mrs. Irene Donham by Commissioners and Director — Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Mrs. Anne Middleton by Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Walker, Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club

Glenn Bailey by A. W. Isenman, Jr.

Carl M. Powell by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner

Milmo Black by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner

Lion Al Rose by Mrs. Al Rose

Lamar Williamson by Mr. and Mrs. Duke McCloy

Walter Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson

James R. Duff by Pulaski Heights Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Dr. J. O. Nugent by J. Malcolm Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Codding, Ms. Ethel I. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Newland, Horseshoe Bend Lions Club.

Fred Peterson by Horseshoe Bend Lions Club, Mrs. Margaret Smutz

Ewell M. Walker by Mrs. Roland Brown

Hugo Norvell by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Scott

Mrs. Celeste Purcell by Miss Rena Mae Metcalfe, Mrs. J. P. Robertson

Mrs. Marian Poch Bell, by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daly

Mrs. Anne Middleton by Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club

William H. Schrock by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette

Mrs. Amelia M. Rich by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King

Thomas Huckaby, Jr. by Roy Kumpe and AEB staff, Ms. Elizabeth Lail, Mrs. Edwin Denning, Mr. and Mrs. William Kiel & Family, Dr. and Mrs. James D. Faulner, Dr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Faulner, Wayman M. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Huckaby, Sr.

Ms. Josephine Reaves by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin

Ned Dumas by Mrs. M. S. McCord, Mrs. Charles Cohen

Robert Jansen by Mr. and Mrs. Jess P. Odum

Dr. James Rushing by Dr. J. M. Fowler

William Walters by Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Graves

William Robert Lord by Mr. and Mrs. Arch Haltom

Stacy Ennis by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mrs. Billie Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Holden, Russell Foushee

Carl Kolb by Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Goodrum

Mrs. Mac Farland by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Ms. Bess Laney by Robert Sakon

Mrs. C. E. Sterne by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Mrs. Shirley Prickett Joyner by Mr. and Mrs. Duke McCloy

Kenneth Wells by Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Duckworth, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mrs. Marie Parks Humphrey

Byrl Byles by Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Goodrum

Gip I. Robertson by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Pulaski County Collector and Employees, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Mashburn, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Best, Isador Scrinopskie

Joe Galvin by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Mrs. Otto Lienhart by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin

Mrs. Elgie Scruggs by Mrs. John B. Rebsamen

Mrs. Helen Means by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Maas, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wood

Carl L. Bailey by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt

Cynthia Stultz by Roy Kumpe and AEB staff

Mrs. Mary Louise Moncrief by Mr. and Mrs. Elbert E. Eubanks, Mr. and Mrs. Herman West

William F. Thomas by Mrs. Lawrence L. Browne

Mrs. Willie Rowden by Oak Forest Lions Club

Thomas C. Trimble, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman

Mrs. Gibson Rose by A. G. Allen

Lowell White by E. M. Trimble

Ms. Josephine B. Patterson by Mr. and Mrs. Herman West

Ms. Peggy Girkin by Mr. and Mrs. Herman West

Mother of Winford Wright by Mr. and Mrs. Herman West

Bruce Hammock by Mrs. Pearl Byles, R. L. Hawkins

Doyce Pulliam by Malvern Lions Club

Mrs. Mildred Goonrey by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boyle

Mrs. Alma G. Rice by Beta Sigma Phi (Xi Epsilon Chapter), Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin

KUMPE, ESTRADA APPEAR ON TV



Senora Edith Estrada, professional trainee from El Salvador is shown on the right as she appeared on "Little Rock Today" on KARK-TV. Shown with her are Tom Bonner on the left, host of the talk show "Dialing for Dollars," and Roy Kumpe, Executive Director, AEB.

Senora Edith Estrada, professional trainee from San Salvador, El Salvador, left Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind on January 11 after a two month internship, during which time she received instruction in braille and orientation and mobility. On her return to El Salvador she will instruct in a rehabilitation center for the blind and visually handicapped, using concepts learned during her internship at AEB.

Senora Estrada was at AEB under the auspices of International Services for the Blind,

an affiliate of AEB which provides scholarships to professional trainees from foreign countries. Her trip to the United States and AEB capped an 11 year dream for her. She first heard of AEB through Roy Kumpe, Executive Director, when he met her during a trip to Central and South America in 1963.

Born blind, Senora Estrada was educated in the San Salvador School for the Blind and attended college and later taught the second grade there. She has two daughters, ages 7 and 11.

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Conference Room Gets A New Look



The Downtown Lions Club of Pine Bluff has provided a new look for the AEB conference room. A new hardwood table and 20 chairs were donated by the Pine Bluff club, in addition to their yearly AEB contribution.

The conference table, built in three sections, has a total length of 15 1/2 feet. The chairs are upholstered in leather and cloth.

In appreciation to the Pine Bluff club, the AEB Board of Directors have mounted a plaque on the door of the conference room acknowledging the donation.

Carl L. Woosley is the president of the club and Buddy Meyhew served as chairman of the special project committee.

Three Staff Members Attend Symposium

Three members of the staff of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind attended a symposium at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois, in late January.

Vernon Metcalf, Associate Executive Director; Louis Rives, Director of Research and Staff Development; and Elmo Knoch, Director of Training, participated in the symposium of Information Service Expediting. Over 40 other persons, representing the U.S. Civil Service Commission, the Social Security Administration and other rehabilitation agencies from throughout the nation, took part in the symposium.

AEB representative Rives chaired the Selection Task Force, of which Metcalf was a member. Knoch was a member of the Training Task Force. Five task forces were set up for the meeting and involved the assessing,

selection, training and placement of information service expeditors.

Metcalf reported that the studies were not limited to the information expediting area of government service, but included the possible expansion of the expeditor field into private enterprise.

All symposium participants presented papers which will be combined, edited and published as one volume. This publication will be shared by government agencies and by rehabilitation counselors and administrators.

Former trainee Kathy Roach (1973) was also a member of the symposium. She had recently received a merit promotion to Internal Management Trainee for the Civil Service Commission and has been nominated as one of the CSC employees of the year.

Have You Pledged Yet?

DISTRICT 7-L	Amt. Pledged	Paid to Date
Arkadelphia	300.00	50.00
Ashdown	2,700.00	50.00
Bearden	100.00	per yr. 0
Benton	250.00	50.00
Camden	725.00	562.50
Camden Eve	2,550.00	0
Chidester	150.00	150.00
DeQueen	700.00	0
Gurdon	475.00	225.00
Hatfield	700.00	20.00
Hope	1,755.00	522.00
Hot Spgs. Downtown	3,435.00	670.00
Hot Spgs. Village	940.00	330.00
Hot Spgs. South	150.00	0
Magnolia	200.00	0
Malvern	4,069.57	3,834.57
Mena	900.00	750.00
Nashville	100.00	100.00
Prescott	600.00	600.00
Stephens	50.00	50.00
Texarkana	260.00	160.00
Wickes	100.00	33.34
Totals	21,159.57	8,157.41
DISTRICT 7-I		
Fayetteville	1,250.00	502.00
Ft. Smith-Noon	300.00	100.00
Ft. Smith-Eve.	400.00	250.00
Harrison	150.00	50.00
Morrilton	165.00	165.00
Mulberry	300.00	100.00
Ola	45.00	0
Rogers	470.00	270.00
Springdale	150.00	50.00
Totals	3,232.00	1,487.00
DISTRICT 7-O		
BlackRock	150.00	0
Jonesboro	2,120.00	907.00
Jonesboro University Hts.	1,900.00	175.00
Blytheville	600.00	300.00
Caraway	300.00	100.00
Hoxie	906.00	167.00
Melbourne	50.00	50.00
Monette	300.00	100.00
Newport	435.00	75.00
Oil Trough	300.00	100.00
Piggott	293.00	143.00
Truman	300.00	100.00
Wilson	100.00	100.00
Totals	7,754.00	2,317.00
DISTRICT 7-N		
Beebe	75.00	25.00
Cherry Valley	34.00	0
Cotton Plant	100.00	0
England	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fairfield Bay	100.00	100.00
Forrest City	150.00	150.00
Horseshoe Lake	100.00	100.00
Searcy	1,325.00	750.00
Stuttgart	1,000.00	0
West Helena-Noon	300.00	100.00
Wynne	100.00	0
Totals	4,284.00	2,225.00
DISTRICT 7-S		
Alzheimer	425.00	325.00
Conway-Eve.	150.00	50.00
Dumas	2,100.00	700.00
Eudora	50.00	50.00
Fordyce	310.00	86.66
Hermitage	150.00	150.00
Jacksonville	1,355.00	285.00
Little Rock	21,668.00	6,215.50
Forest Heights	625.00	512.50
Oak Forest	5,275.00	1,380.00
Park Plaza	6,750.00	1,825.00
Pulaski Heights	2,030.00	510.00
Southwest	1,257.00	350.00
Monticello	10.00	10.00
No. Little Rock	1,950.00	700.00
No. L.R. Park Hill	2,125.00	820.00
Pine Bluff	818.00	270.00
Pine Bluff-Eve	4,200.00	1,400.00
Watson Chapel	750.00	0
Totals	51,998.00	15,639.66

(See Grand totals on page two)

AEB MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION FUND CAMPAIGN

[as of February 10, 1975]

Lions Hold Mid-Winter Meeting



International President Johnny Balbo happily receives checks to the LIF. District Governor Bob Shaddock reads list of clubs as they prepare to march with the Parade of Checks. District Governor Bill Parette awaits his turn.

Johnny Balbo, President of Lions International, addressed 600 Arkansas Lions and Lionesses at the Lions Mid-Winter Conference in Hot Springs on January 19.

President Balbo, who was introduced by International Director Dr. James M. Fowler of Little Rock, reiterated his three challenges which he has carried to Lions throughout the world. "Lions," Balbo said, "must meet the challenge of membership and extension." Secondly, Balbo stressed that activities of the Lions must reflect that "each of us share a responsibility to the world and the whole of humanity." His third challenge was "to build greater cooperation between the peoples

of the world."

A highlight of the banquet was the 100 percent participation in the "Parade of Checks" by representatives of clubs and districts for the Lions International Foundation.

President Balbo found time in his hectic schedule to attend a business session of the Leo Clubs represented at the conference. He expressed his thanks to the Leo Clubs for attending the conference and for taking an active part in furthering Lionism in Arkansas.

Host for the conference was the Hot Springs Lions Club. Angelo Pappas was the arrangements chairman.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Several former Taxpayer Service Representative trainees have reported their activities recently. Dave Wolthoff (1970) wrote from Oak Park, Illinois, and indicated that he was presently busy keeping up with the latest changes in Internal Revenue Service projects. He said that he had received over 200 phone calls in one day and that 150 of them were for the same IRS publication. He also said that he sees Paul Hunt (1974) often.

Cathie Skiver (1972) is living in Oakland, California, and is working in the Internal Revenue Service office. She wrote that she had received another promotion. One of the highlights of her work, she wrote, is the total acceptance of blind and visually handicapped Taxpayer Service Representatives in the district IRS office.

Kay and Gary Beatty (1973)

have reported from Cheyenne, Wyoming, that they are expecting in addition to the family sometime in June. Gary is working with the Internal Revenue Service and Kay is attending a local community college.

Mary Jane Fry (1970) has written from Providence, Rhode Island, that she is enjoying her work as a Taxpayer Service Representative. She is living in her own apartment near her office, but spends weekends visiting relatives. She said she met TSR Jim Rader (1970), of Louisville, Kentucky, last summer and that he and his wife have a new little girl.

Steve and Nora Perry (1974) wrote from Chicago that they have a new baby daughter. During the Christmas holidays they went to Minneapolis, by AMTRACK, and that it was a "real experience."

Gary E. Beatty (1969) has written from Alexandria, Virginia, and says he is enjoying his work with Garfinkles, a local department store.

Certificates Given At Mid-Winter Meet

The Wilson Lions Club has been recognized as the top contributor to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, on a dollar per member basis. The club, which had a ratio of \$50 per member, was awarded a Certificate of Recognition at the Arkansas Lions Mid-Winter Conference held in Hot Springs on January 19.

A total of 59 other Lions Clubs were presented with certificates recognizing their contributions to AEB for the past year. The awards were based on the amount of money raised for AEB per club member. The clubs, by district, were:

District 7-L, District Governor R. H. "Bob" Shaddock — 20 for 1; Benton and DeQueen — 15 for 1; Arkadelphia Evening, Ashdown, Hot Springs Downtown, Hot Springs South and Malvern — 10 for 1; Hope, Hot Springs Oaklawn, Hot Springs Village, Magnolia, Mena, Murfreesboro and Nashville.

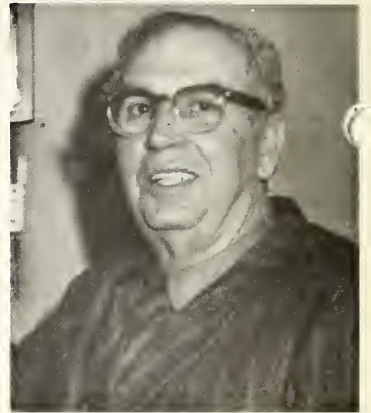
District 7-I, District Governor Bill E. Parette — 15 for 1; Fayetteville, Fayetteville Evening, Morrilton and Rogers — 10 for 1; Alma, Bentonville, Dardenelle, Forth Smith Evening, Fort Smith Southside, Harrison, Ola and Ozark.

District 7-O, District Governor H. Clarence Freeze, — 50 for 1; Wilson — 30 for 1; Mountain Home — 15-1; Batesville — 10 for 1; Blytheville, Cherokee Village, Corning, Lepanto, Mammoth Springs, Monette Newport, Weiner and Westside.

District 7-N, District Governor Nyle B. Oswalt — 20 for 1; Forrester City and West Helena — 15 for 1; Searcy — 10 for 1; Augusta, Bringley, Carlisle, DeValls Bluff, Hughes, Lonoke and Palestine.

District 7-S, District Governor C. N. "Steve" Stephens — 25 for 1; Little Rock Park Plaza and North Little Rock — 20 for 1; Jacksonville, Little Rock Forest Heights, Little Rock Oak Forest, North Little Rock Park Hill, Pine Bluff Evening and Whitehall. 15 for 1 — Altheimer; 10 for 1 — Sheridan and Warren.

Meet the Staff



Oliver H. Burke, senior orientation and mobility instructor at AEB, estimates he has worked with some 2,000 blind and visually handicapped trainees during almost 25 years at the center. This despite the fact that Burke has been classified as legally blind since being wounded in World War II.

A graduate of then Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway, Burke obtained a BSE. He entered college on the G.I. Bill and being legally blind, utilized readers and recorders to prepare his lessons. The result was that he made the Dean's List every semester.

After graduation, he was trained at AEB to work with the blind and visually handicapped. Subsequently, he was employed as a full time instructor in orientation and mobility and was chief O&M instructor for 16 years. During his career at AEB, Burke has been involved in numerous workshops and conferences to improve his professional standing. He says that the highlight of these workshops was a 1959 meeting in New York which was the forerunner of establishing the master's degree program for orientation and mobility instructors which is now offered at several universities and colleges.

One of the rewards of his work, according to Burke, is seeing the trainees leave AEB and go into responsible positions and being able to keep up friendships through correspondence over the years.

TOTALS TO DATE

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	Amount Pledged	Amount Paid To Date
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$27,443.50	\$12,031.71
TENNESSEE LIONS	5,000.00	
FEDERAL GRANT (Hill-Burton)	240,000.00	
STATE GRANT	250,000.00	
GRAND TOTAL	\$610,871.07	\$41,857.78



AEB staff members recently visited Bubbles Choate's Family Catfish House in Judsonia, Arkansas, for a catfish dinner. In the top photo are, from left to right, AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe, Floyd Choate, Robert Choate and Bubbles Choate. Robert Choate is an AEB trainee under the Program for the Aging Blind.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas

The Dumas Lions Club recently raised \$4,500 to construct a concessions building and restrooms at the Dumas ballpark.

The money was raised in an auction in which Dumas merchants donated a variety of items from electric mixers to used cars.

Carl Teague is the president and Herman Vickers was the chairman of the auction committee.

The Searcy Breakfast Club will be chartered on March 24 and the Jacksonville Noon Club on March 14.

Herman W. Spurlock will serve as president of the Searcy club and Therald Birmingham will serve as secretary. The Extension Chairman for District 7-N is Wayne Knight.

Charles P. Rea will serve as president of the Jacksonville Noon Club and Daniel C. Blaney will serve as secretary. Extension Chairman for District 7-S is Buford Krebs.

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On The Go With AEB

Vernon Metcalf, Associate Executive Director of AEB, presented a program on AEB services to the Ohio State School for the Blind in Columbus. While in Columbus, Metcalf also visited with state and private agencies for rehabilitation of the blind.

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Louis Rives, Director of Research and Staff Development for AEB, traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., and to Cleveland Ohio, during February. Rives attended a conference on the re-activation of the Blindiana File (Library Card File System) in Philadelphia. In Cleveland, he consulted with staff members of the Cleveland Society for the Blind.

Lions of Tennessee Are AEB Contributors

Lions Clubs from Districts 12-L and 12-I in Tennessee recently contributed \$433 to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

The following clubs contributed: District 12-L, Decaturville, \$15; Humboldt, \$25; Jackson Northside, \$100; Memphis Southeast, \$68; White Station, \$200; and Shiloh-Pickwick, \$10. District 12-I, Iron City, \$15.

Edward L. Weaver is Governor of District 12-L and Gene H. Sloan, Jr. is Governor of District 12-I.

Food Service Staff: Serving With A Smile At AEB

320 meals per day. Doesn't really sound overwhelming, does it? But when that 320 meals might include as many as four types of diets, the expertise of AEB food Service Manager Sam Singley and AEB Dietitian Isabel Lane is called upon.

Singley purchases food based upon information provided by Lane. It is her job to consult each incoming AEB trainee with regard to diet requirements. At the same time that menus are being planned, an endeavor must be made to add a variety to bland, diabetic, salt free or regular diets. After all, who wants to eat the same food at each meal?

In addition to meals for trainees, Singley and his staff of 12 are often called upon to prepare meals for visiting Lions Clubs, trainee banquets, who usually have a guest speaker and other dignitaries, as well as preparing an evening meal for the AEB Board of Directors once a month.

Singley and his staff is also charged with maintaining the constant cleanliness of the dining room and kitchen and with insuring the freshness of food served at AEB. State Health Department requirements must be met on all levels.

Fresh, wholesome, dietetically correct, as well as appealing, food is the order of the day, each day, for the AEB food service staff and the AEB dietician.



AEB FOOD SERVICE STAFF — Seated from Left: Alma Peters, Isabel Lane, Fronia Smith and Lessie Platt. Standing from left: Mamie Rayford, Sam Singley, Patricia Allen and Vicki Howlett.



This group of nursing students from the William Buchanan Department of Nursing at Texarkana College recently visited AEB. The school annually sends nursing students to AEB for orientation in AEB's services and facilities.

In Memoriam

Word has been recieved from the family of Alton Cason, Sr. that Mr. Cason passed away December 29, 1974, in Amarillo, Texas. Cason was an AEB trainee in 1972. The staff of AEB extends its sympathy to the Cason family.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

Claude Kennedy by Harris Owen
Mrs. Lucille Johnson by Mrs. Mary Marquess

Mrs. W. S. Rogers by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirby

Mrs. Charles H. Morris by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Prather

Ted Godsey by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Penn, Robert Sakon

Earl E. Williams by Robert Sakon
George Bailey by Cherokee Village Lions Club

Clifford Kulp by Mr. and Mrs. Maury Jenkins

Mrs. Orpha L. Smirl by Mr. and Mrs. Vince Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mrs. Lavonne Little, Ms. Virginia McWhorter

Doyle D. Lynch by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner

Henry Bull by Mrs. Ruby Bousman
Mrs. Edward Elsen by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Dr. C. C. Thompson by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Robert J. Klaser by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Lion Jerry Young by Mrs. Evelyn Greer

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Tom Borland by Mr. and Mrs. Lawson E. Glover

George H. Stowers by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Ruff Lewis by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Townsend

Leroy Minor by Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Wright

Mrs. Mary Katherine Derryberry by Rose City Lions Club

Mrs. Zoe Elizabeth Collins by Berry Beavers, Glynn Edmondson, Jack Wilcox, David Caldwell, Bill Bailey, Ms. Gwen Rogers, Ms. Debbie Prine

Mrs. Evelyn Drummond by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barnett

Jerry Wayne Vaughn by Mrs. Joyce Poole, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cockrill, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Niebruegge, Mrs. Imogene Johns, Mo. Div. Construction Co. Employees, Mrs. Gladys McSpadden, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poole, Mrs. Dene Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Seabaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Boyal Petzoldt, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Engler, Tom Engler, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Volz, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hahs, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Moneyhon, Mr. and Mrs. Cline Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Backheit, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robinson, Mrs. Edna Hedges

Carroll C. Cannon by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Laughinghouse, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alderson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallis, Crowley Ridge Horse Project (4-H), Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery, Dr. J. M. Fowler, Mr. and

Mrs. Harold Sharpe, St. Francis County Courthouse Personnel, Mrs. Chester L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Vranken, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson E. Glover, Mrs. V. O. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Gilmer, Mrs. Oscie Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Trim, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Laser, E. B. Belshe, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Price, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hill, Mrs. D. Y. Jarrett, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Gandy, Jr., Mrs. Ed Heustess, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hoffman, Spybuck Farms Inc., Mrs. Lela R. Clay, Sweet Bros., Dr. George T. McPhail Family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Walker, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Simon Capps, Mrs. Clement Walker & Family, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Leiting, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Campbell, Mrs. Louise Vaccaro, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Adams, Jr., Edward Pruiett, James E. Justiss, Dr. and Mrs. Jack D. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Trail, Sr., Mrs. W. W. Anderson, Forrest City Lions Club, Lewis Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Foust, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stone, Mrs. G. R. Vardaman, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Child Mental Health Branch Staff, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Baldwin, Mrs. Hilary Linder, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bridgforth, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Berland, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Yawitz, C. D. Brown, R. H. Shaddock, W. R. Gross, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sweet

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Joe McCaffrey, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

Leo A. Scherm by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Ballard

Mrs. Houston Stewart by Roy Kumpe and AEB staff

David Breshears, Jr. by Dr. and Mrs. Jack McHaney

Mrs. Helen Harbour by Miss Lila Lampkin

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AEB Receives State Funds

Act 172 of the Arkansas Legislature has been signed into law by Governor David Pryor. This act appropriates \$250,000 in matching funds for AEB's Million Dollar Expansion Program. State Senator (Lion) Max Howell of Jacksonville, sponsored the legislation, which was approved in both houses without a single dissenting vote. Representative (Lion) Gayle Windsor handled the legislation in the House.

In signing the act, Governor

Pryor noted the work which has been done at AEB and said that he hoped such progress in rehabilitation would continue.

This is the second grant that AEB has received during the current Million Dollar Expansion Program Fund drive. A Hill-Burton grant of \$240,000 has been approved by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe in reference to the grants said, "The reputation of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind over the years has increased the demand for its services to the blind and visually handicapped. This increased demand necessitates these increased facilities and will now enable AEB to more adequately serve blind and visually handicapped persons."

Kumpe also pointed out that both the state and federal grants are to be matched and that funds will still be needed to reach AEB's one million dollar goal.

Plans Eyeglasses Box At Convention

AEB will have a special drop box for old eyeglasses and frames at the 1975 Lions State Convention.

AEB gives the plastic frames to "New Eyes for the Needy" in Short Hills, New Jersey, and sells the metal frames.



Act 172 Signed

Arkansas Governor David Pryor receives the thanks of AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe shortly before signing Act 172 in ceremonies at the state capitol. Shown in the photo are [l to r]: Arkansas Lions District 7-S Governor Steve Stephens; Senator [Lion] Max Howell; AEB President Dr. James M. Fowler; Governor Pryor; Lion and AEB board member A. W. Isenman; President of the Pulaski Hts. Lions Club Walter Rowland; Lion Don Blackman; and AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe.

"Because we care..."

Fowler Challenges Lions

With a motto of "We serve because we care," AEB President Dr. James Fowler has challenged the five district governors of the Arkansas Lions Clubs to spearhead the drive to raise \$510,000 for the AEB Million Dollar Expansion Program. Speaking at a special "round-up" rally held in the AEB auditorium in late February, President Fowler pointed out that the center "was designed to accommodate 75 trainees, but today we have 103 enrolled and 250 pending applications." He asked the 150 assembled Arkansas Lions what they would suggest telling those persons who are waiting.

All five Lions District Governors accepted Fowler's challenge. Using a series of graphic charts, Fowler pointed out that the goal was an average of \$150 per member over a three year period. "All of you have heard me say many times," Fowler said, "that a good Lion must be active and involved. Let's get all 7,000 Arkansas Lions involved in this program."

President Fowler pointed out

that AEB would receive a \$240,000 federal grant from Hill-Burton funds, but that money had to be matched. And that Act 172 of the Arkansas Legislature had given AEB another \$250,000, but these funds also had to be matched. The total pledged by Lions at that point was \$111,660.

At the end of the program, each Lion present was asked to take the responsibility of spearheading the fund drive at one Lions Club. Each Lion who accepted this task was asked to contact the club president and secretary and report on the AEB Expansion Program in that club. Reports were to be turned over to the District Governors on March 13. Almost everyone present accepted the challenge and took the responsibility of contacting various Lions Clubs.

"I know," said Fowler in closing, "that every Lion in Arkansas is proud of our rehabilitation center. I know that each of you want to have a part in the Center. Our motto is 'We Serve,' but tonight I am asking you to say, 'We Serve, Because We Care.'"



"Every Lion in Arkansas is proud of our rehabilitation center," said AEB President Fowler. Dr. Fowler spoke to a special round-up rally at AEB and called on the district governors of the Arkansas Lions Clubs to spearhead the AEB Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program.

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of March 14, 1975)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District 7-L	\$26,549.07	\$8,742.91
District 7-I	4,382.00	1,687.00
District 7-O	11,276.00	3,194.00
District 7-N	5,246.00	2,506.00
District 7-S	64,554.00	18,283.25
OTHER PLEDGES	13,618.71	6,509.05
Total	\$125,613.28	\$40,919.71



Dr. Andrew S. Adams, Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C., paid a short visit to AEB in February. Shown with Dr. Adams [seated] are (l to r): Louis Rives, Director of Research and Staff Development at AEB; E. Russell Baxter, Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services for Arkansas; and AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe. Not shown in the photograph is H. B. Simmons, Regional Assistant Commissioner for RSA from Dallas, Texas.

Arkansas Lions Plan State Convention for May

Arkansas Lions Secretary H. Mindel Self has announced the 1975 Lions State Convention schedule. The convention, which will be held at the Marble Falls Convention Center near Harrison,

Arkansas, is scheduled for May 2 through May 4.

Guest speaker for the 1975 convention will be Lions International Director George Crumbley of Atlanta, Georgia.

1975 Lions State Convention Schedule

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 1975

- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration
- 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Golf Tournament — Tennis Tournament
- 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Tarnished Brass Membership Banquet
- 9 p.m. Early Bird Entertainment

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1975

- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration continues
- 9 a.m.-11 a.m. Leo Members Meeting
- 9 a.m.-10:10 a.m. State Business Meeting
- 10:10 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee Break
- 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Seminars
- 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. AEB Membership Luncheon
- 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Ladies & Children's Entertainment
- 1:40 p.m.-3 p.m. District Business Sessions
- 3 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Free Time
- 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Reception for International Dignitaries
- 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Convention Banquet & Address
- 9:30 p.m.-12 p.m. Convention Dance

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1975

- 7 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Key Members Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m. Necrology Service
- 9 a.m. State Business Meeting

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest
About Former Trainees

Mary Jo Strittmatter ('74) was the subject of a feature article in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat recently. The article, which included a photograph of Mary Jo "on the job," stated that she had answered the telephone inquiries of "more than 3,500 St. Louis area taxpayers in her job as an Internal Revenue Service representative." The article also said that "IRS officials are hoping to retain her. Not because she is blind, they say, but because of her excellent work record."

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Aaron Hawkins ('66), of Springdale, Arkansas, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Schools for the Blind and Deaf in Little Rock. Arkansas Governor David Pryor made the appointment. Hawkins, who is working on his master's degree, is a teacher at Springdale High School.

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Former trainee Alicia Perich ('71) received photographic attention in the New Orleans Times-Picayune in February. She was selected as queen of the Carnival Ball of Melpomene held at the Lighthouse for the Blind during the Mardi Gras festival.

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Ray Prinsen ('73) reports that he is now a junior at Castleton State College in Castleton, Vermont. He is teaching braille to 16 students, is a member of the student senate for the second year and plans to run for student body president next year. He said that these activities keep him "fairly busy."

Meet the Staff



Amy Pais, AEB's Coordinator of Trainee Services, was born with poor vision and for this reason has always been interested in rehabilitation work.

After high school, she attended business college and completed stenographic training. She then went to work at the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center where she was employed for 14 years. She came to AEB in 1967.

Amy holds a BS in psychology from UALR and an MS in rehabilitation counseling from State College of Arkansas at Conway. All of her college work was done while she was working full time. "This was possible," she says, "because of the encouragement I received from a number of people, most of all my husband and my ten year old son."

The job of Coordinator of Trainee Services is a unique position at AEB. Her primary duty is to insure the individualization of each trainee's program. She coordinates the schedule of each AEB trainee and through frequent interviews acts as a trainee advocate. Amy also coordinates the AEB Volunteer Auxiliary activities.

"My work," Amy says, "is very satisfying and each day presents a new challenge to create more satisfying and meaningful experiences for trainees at AEB."

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KING and QUEEN of the Eighth Annual AEB Valentine Ball were Ann McDaniel of Alexandria, Louisiana, and Jay Dailey of Dayton, Ohio. Ann and Jay were elected by their fellow AEB trainees. Over 100 persons attended the dance, which was sponsored by the Little Rock chapter of the American Council of the Blind.

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ISB Board Holds Annual Meeting

The Board of Directors of International Services for the Blind held their fourth annual meeting in Little Rock on March 15.

A business session of ISB was held at Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, followed by a round-table seminar on international rehabilitation services provided for the blind and visually handicapped at the Camelot Inn.

ISB President Jess Odom of Little Rock was re-elected to head the board for the coming year. Also re-elected as board officers were: Margaret Kolb, 1st Vice President; Dr. James M. Fowler, 2nd Vice President; Stanley E. Price, Secretary; George B. Tyler, Treasurer; and Edward G. Barry, Sr., and J. M. Woolly, Executive Committee members. AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe was re-elected as Executive Vice President.

Two new ISB board members were elected during the session. Mrs. Noland Blass, Jr., of Little Rock and Dr. Hernando Pradilla, of Bogota, Columbia, were selected to serve on the board. Dr. Pradilla, a former AEB professional trainee, is currently the director of the National Institute for the Blind in Bogota.

ISB, which has provided training to persons from Mexico, Colombia, El Salvador, Iran, Japan and Lebanon, has expanded its aid to Africa for the coming year. Board members selected potential trainees from Nigeria and South Africa, as well as India

and Iran. Training will be provided at AEB.

The afternoon seminar on international Services for the Blind and Visually Handicapped was chaired by Dr. J. M. Woolly, Superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind. Participants in the discussion were: Harold Roberts, Executive Director of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind; Dr. Douglas McFarland, Director of the Office for the Blind, Rehabilitation Service Administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Dr. Edward Waterhouse, Consultant for Perkins School for the Blind; Dr. Richard Kinney, President of Hadley School for the Blind; and Dr. James M. Fowler, Lions International Director and trustee of the Lions Foundation.

Following the seminar, a reception and dinner were held at the Camelot Inn.

Dr. Kinney, who is both blind and deaf, was the guest speaker at the banquet. He also addressed the trainees at AEB and appeared on KTHV's noontime program, "Eye On Arkansas."

Governor David Pryor presented Dr. Kinney with an official "Arkansas Traveler" certificate. Kinney was also honored by making a brief address to the Arkansas House of Representatives in which he commended the lawmakers on their support of legislation for the education and rehabilitation of blind citizens of Arkansas.



ARKANSAS TRAVELER, Dr. Richard Kinney, President of the Hadley School for the Blind, located in Winnetka, Illinois, received an Arkansas Traveler certificate from Arkansas Governor David Pryor during his visit to Little Rock for the annual ISB meeting. Shown in the photo are (l to r) AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe; Dr. Kinney; Jan Bonin, Dr. Kinney's interpreter; and Governor Pryor.



SNOWBILITY is what they called it. AEB Mobility instructor Jim Jones and AEB trainee Gene Davis of Mena, Arkansas, tried out the snow that covered Little Rock in mid-March.

By-LIONS

... All Around Arkansas



Arkansas Lions State Secretary H. Mindell Self has announced the formation of three new Lions Clubs in the state.

The Rector Lions Club, which will be in District 7-O, will hold charter night on April 4. The club was organized in February and is sponsored by the Jonesboro University Heights Club. George O. Bearden will serve as president and Larry French as secretary.

The Kirby Lions Club will charter on April 18 and will be located in District 7-L. The club was organized in late February. Glen E. Sirman will serve as president and Dale Watson as secretary. The Amity Lions Club served as the sponsoring club.

The Blevins-McCaskill Lions Club will be chartered on April 21. Members plan to meet on the first and third Mondays at the Hornet Cafe at 7:30 p.m. President will be William P. Feathers and Bobby W. Hash will serve as Secretary.

The Hope Lions Club served as sponsor of the District 7-L club.

Lions International Director Dr. James M. Fowler will be the speaker at all three charter nights.

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The Alzheimer Lions Club celebrated their 35th anniversary in mid-March. Special guests for the evening were 4 charter members and their wives. Old-timer Herb Wardlaw served as master of ceremonies. George Tyler, who was president of the Pine Bluff Lions Club that sponsored the Alzheimer club, was also a guest. Bill Jones is president of the Alzheimer club.

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LIONS LINE UP to receive assignments at AEB's round-up rally. Each Lion present was asked to help spearhead AEB's Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program by reporting on the program in an individual Arkansas club. Lions District Governors and AEB staff helped make assignments.

Kumpe Elected To NAC Board

AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC). Dr. Richard W. Blecker, NAC Executive Director, announced Kumpe's election to the board in mid-March.

Kumpe becomes the third Arkansas resident on the NAC Board. Louis Rives, Director of Research and Staff Development at AEB and former Arkansas Governor Dr. Bob Riley are both currently NAC board members.

The National Accreditation Council sets standards for agencies and schools that offer specialized services to the blind and visually handicapped. AEB was the first rehabilitation center accredited by NAC and is a charter member. Kumpe served on the NAC task force which set accreditation standards in 1963.

NAC has 35 board members from throughout the nation, each serving a three-year term. Currently, 55 agencies are accredited by NAC.

It was also announced in March that NAC will hold its annual membership meeting in Little Rock on November 12 and 13 at the Camelot Inn.

AEB Board Meets

The Board of Directors of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind met in late February and elected two new members for the board.

James D. Poe of Jonesboro, Arkansas, was elected to fill the position of the late Carroll C. Cannon. Wendell Johnson of Fort Smith was also elected to the AEB board.

The AEB Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program was also discussed at the meeting. Board President Dr. James M. Fowler chaired the meeting.

Your Will Can Help

If you are preparing a will and would like to leave a living memorial to benefit the blind and visually handicapped at Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, the following form is recognized, legal and valid:

"I give, devise and bequeath to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, the sum of \$_____ to be used by Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind in its rehabilitation program of service to the blind and visually handicapped."

By using this avenue, you can aid the blind and visually handicapped in building a new life.

Convention Notes

The state Lions office has received information that the following Lions have nominated as candidates for District Governor for 1975-1976:

7-L Jim Gunter Hope
7-I Bob Burns Bentonville
7-O J. P. Friend ... Blytheville
7-N Ernest Free Wynne
7-S Robert L. Moore N. Little Rock

Lions State Secretary H. Mindell Self said he "hopes other candidates will run from each district in order to create more Lion enthusiasm."

Memorials

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Mrs. Parker Osborne by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Browne

Mrs. Pearl White by Martin Fleischner

Carroll Cannon by Forrest City Lions Club

Scrubby Watson by Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gershner

Chester Elliston by Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Toy Kumpe

Walter Scott by Robert Sakon

Jack E. Willson by Mrs. Pearl Byles

Fred Begeman by J. Matthews

Mrs. Marie Flanagan by Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner

Dale H. Spradlin by Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Messer

Mrs. Dorothy Whitten by Dr. J. M. Fowler

George W. Herndon by J. O. Boone

Mrs. Eula Pearl Cathey by E. M. Trimble

Mrs. James Low by Mrs. Barbara Butcher

R. H. Wall by Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Osborne

H. H. Dooley by Mr. and Mrs. Austin R. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. T. Barton

William Z. Parrish by Dr. and Mrs. I. J. Spitzberg

Frank Allison by Robert Sakon

J. W. Green by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burton

Mrs. Ruth Hartle by Dr. J. M. Fowler

John "Nick" Eldridge by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Lee MacDonald, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Austin Moody

Mrs. Lee Pauschert by Carlisle Lions Club

Byron Jenkins by Roy Kumpe & AEB Staff

Edward D. Van Rhee by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boyle

Lion Charles Dickenson by Mountain Home Lions Club

Ben McCray by Benton Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Caldwell

Mrs. J. K. Osborne by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cox

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Multi-purpose addition

PHASE I PLANS OUTLINED

The first phase of AEB's Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program calls for the construction of a three-level, 15,000 square-foot building. The unit will be located on the northeast corner of 28th and South Tyler streets, along with present AEB buildings, and will connect the Barry Building and Pinkerton Hall.

The new building will house a physical conditioning area, a small business management area, a psycho-social services area, an expanded library area, orientation mobility offices, housekeeping apartments and dormitory rooms. The projected cost of construction is \$600,000.

Phase I represents a response to the expanded services and steady growth of AEB over the last 28 years. In March of 1947, AEB began operating as a rehabilitation center after becoming an Arkansas Lions state project in 1946. In 1960 the Arkansas Lions Clubs adopted a capital fund program and raised \$150,000 to match Hill-Burton funds to construct the present complex of buildings on Fair Park Boulevard. Three of these buildings were completed in 1961, a fourth in 1963 and the Sakon Building in 1969.

Since that time, AEB has expanded services to meet the

rehabilitation needs of the blind and visually handicapped. The College Prep Program (1962), the Taxpayer Service Representative Program (1967), the Civil Service Job Information Specialists Program (1973), the Optacon Training Course (1973), and the Small Business Management Program (1974) have all been added to the services offered in the Personal Adjustment Training Program. With the admission of the first deaf-blind trainee in 1971, AEB expanded its programs to meet yet another need and, in 1974, established a rehabilitation program for the deaf-blind. Other new services include an outreach program for the older blind and a Medical Transcriptionist Training Program.

The 2,000th blind person completed training at AEB in 1968. In the seven short years since that time, over 1,500 more persons have benefited from training at AEB.

The goal of the current expansion program is two-fold: to effectively serve the present and the projected training load and to continue to expand rehabilitation training to those individuals presently not receiving such services. Phase I of this program is the first step toward meeting this goal.

June ground breaking planned

Expansion Program Continues

Plans for the beginning of construction on the first phase of AEB's One Million Dollar Expansion Program are beginning to take shape and it is hoped that ground-breaking ceremonies can be held in June.

AEB President Dr. James M. Fowler has announced that the plans and specifications for Phase I are expected to be completed by the Little Rock firm of Wellborn, Hardwick and Henderson in mid-May. Bids will be taken from contractors shortly thereafter.

Building Committee Chairman Hoyte Pyle has reported that the construction of the building should take approximately 9 to 10 months.

President Fowler has also reported that the One Million Dollar Expansion Fund is growing continuously and that "the enthusiasm of Arkansas Lions is the highest I have ever seen and contributions are coming in wonderfully."

And, in keeping with the spirit of this Bicentennial Year, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind has been selected as one of 200 agencies in the nation to be nominated for special recognition by the Bicentennial Commission. The nominations were made by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and those agencies finally selected will receive special attention in a publication to be produced by the Bicentennial Commission.

AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe has responded to the

nomination by announcing that the construction of the new multi-purpose addition will be considered as AEB's contribution to the Bicentennial celebration.

"It is our hope," said Kumpe, "that our continued efforts to improve and expand rehabilitation services for the blind and visually handicapped will play a part in individual efforts to achieve independence from visual handicaps."

The planned June ground-breaking will commemorate AEB's Bicentennial efforts.

AEB's College Prep Program in *The Lion*

AEB's College Prep Program has received attention in a feature article in the May edition of *The Lion* magazine. *The Lion* is published by Lions International and is circulated on a world-wide basis and printed in 13 languages.

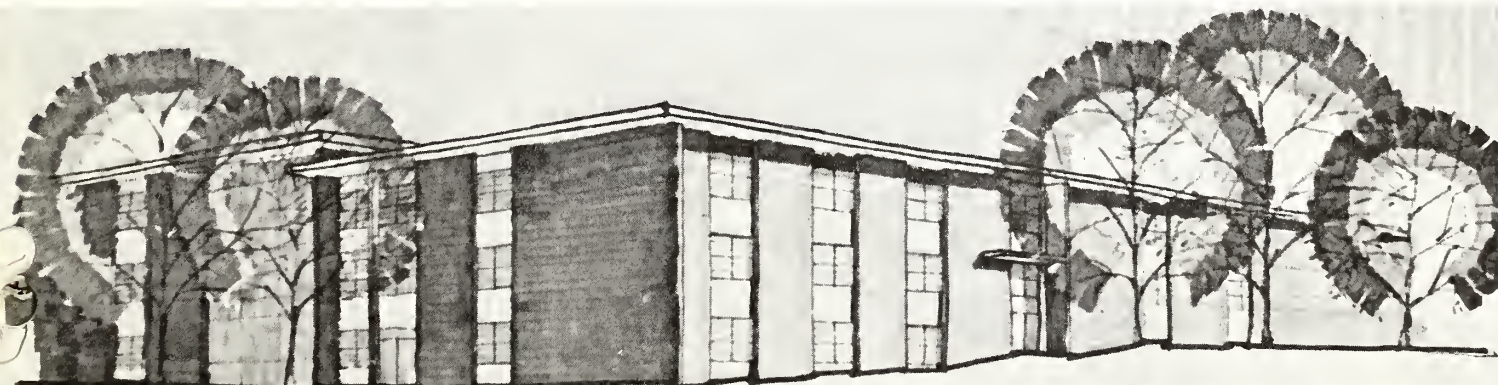
The article was written by George J. O'Neill and is entitled "A Bridge for College-Bound Youth." The College Prep Program is outlined in the article, which includes a number of photographs of participants in the course.

The article points out that "over 600 trainees have gone on to college after graduating from the course" which was begun in 1961.

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

[as of April 16, 1975]

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District 7-L	\$35,310.57	\$12,343.41
District 7-I	5,232.00	1,882.00
District 7-O	17,586.00	4,983.50
District 7-N	6,821.00	2,923.50
District 7-S	69,439.00	21,333.91
OTHER PLEDGES	15,931.37	8,926.37
Total	\$150,319.94	\$52,392.69



PHASE I MULTI-PURPOSE ADDITION



SBM Trainees Receive Certificates

The 3rd class of Small Business Management trainees received Certificates of Achievement in April. The presentations were made during special ceremonies at AEB. Recipients were [l to r] Alan Daniels, Connecticut; James Compere, Arkansas; Marion Biddle, Instructor, Small Business Management Course; Lee Morely, Arkansas; Mike Smith, Louisiana; and AEB Executive Director Roy Kumpe.

SBM and TSR Trainees Conclude Courses

Both the Small Business Management Course and the Taxpayer Service Representative Course concluded in mid-April and, according to all reports, both groups of trainees are headed for success.

TSR Instructor Dan Dull has already begun the 24th TSR class

with nine trainees. "We are busy now," commented Dull, "updating our course material to include all recent IRS changes."

SMB Instructor Marion Biddle has reported that the braille bookkeeping proved to be especially helpful with the last course. She also says that "interest

in the SBM course is growing." The next SBM course will begin in late May.

Other courses in progress at this time include a Civil Service Job Information Specialist class with six trainees and a Medical Transcriptionists class with four trainees.



TSRs Finish Course

The 23rd class of Taxpayer Service Representative trainees finished their course in mid-April. Shown enjoying the sunshine are [l to r] Dwight Giblin, Oklahoma; Ron Clark, Pennsylvania; Alvin Harris, Georgia; Sabie Cake, Delaware; Ann Johnston, South Carolina; Fetzer Williams, Virginia; David Carpenter, Ohio; and Richard Vonderhaar, Ohio.

Meet the Staff



Duane Balentine is from Indio, California, and attended California State University at Fullerton before doing social work in Bakersfield. Since coming to Arkansas, Balentine has received an MA in rehabilitation counseling from Arkansas State University and is currently working on an MA in psychology at the University of Central Arkansas.

Before joining the AEB staff in 1974, Balentine worked for three years for the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services in Forrest City. He was elected Lion of the Year by the Forrest City club in 1974 and served as the club's sight conservation chairman for two years.

Recently, Balentine has assumed the position of Director of Vocational Services at AEB. In this role he coordinates the various AEB professional and vocational programs and the pre-vocational work evaluation activities.

Previously, he was coordinator of the Program for the Older Blind. "I feel," Balentine says, "that the blind and the visually handicapped of Arkansas are extremely fortunate that the variety of services offered at AEB are available. And," he adds, "I feel fortunate to help make these services available."

Balentine is the president of the state chapter of the National Rehabilitation Counselors Association and a former board member of the Arkansas chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, sex, color or national origin.

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Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest
About Former Trainees

Shirley Boyd ('73) was the subject of more than a full-page photo essay in the Tennessean newspaper in Nashville recently. The article said that Shirley was living at the YWCA and working for the Tennessee state government as a transcriber of appeals cases for the Employment Security Department.

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Archie Nunnery ('74) is now the manager of a snack bar in the new Greenville, South Carolina, city hall building. He has written that the snack bar in the ten-story building is "wonderfully equipped with wall-to-wall carpeting, stereo music and fine furnishings."

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Former professional trainee Edith Cordova Estrada ('75) has written from San Salvador, El Salvador, that she is enrolled in classes at a university and is studying English. Edith is also a teacher at the Eugenia de Duenas Center for Rehabilitation for the Blind in El Salvador.

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David Snodgrass ('71) writes that he is enrolled in Smithdeal-Massey Business College in Richmond, Virginia. He says that he is hoping to resume work as a medical transcriptionist after graduation in June.

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Rives Attends Conference

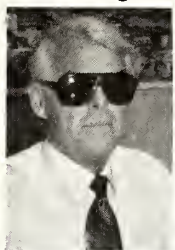
Louis Rives, AEB's Director of Research and Staff Development, was one of four featured speakers at a conference sponsored by the Illinois Office of Education in early April. The conference, held at Springfield, dealt with the post high school training of visually impaired individuals, with an emphasis on planning.

Rives presented a paper entitled "Guidelines for Counselors in Channeling Blind Secondary School Students Toward Professional Careers." In his presentation, Rives pointed out the need for occupational information for blind high school students who plan to enter professional fields, the need for the identification of the potential professional employee and the need for proper selection of post secondary training facilities.

"A major interest was expressed," according to Rives, "in AEB's College Prep Program and the need for such a program in Illinois was pointed out by many of the educators and counselors attending the conference."

Three Join Staff

Three new staff members joined AEB during the month of April.



James (Jay) Owens is no stranger to AEB. Owens was a trainee at AEB in 1966, an intern in 1970 and served on the staff in 1971. From 1972 to 1974 he worked as an Air Force Vocational-Educational counselor in Mississippi and Arizona.

Owens holds a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Missouri and an MA in educational counseling from the University of Arkansas.

Owens, who is from Morrilton, Arkansas, has joined the counseling staff at AEB.

Lynnda Jones has joined the AEB staff as the Coordinator of the Older Blind Project. She has an MA in sociology with an emphasis in gerontology from the University of Arkansas. Before joining the AEB staff she taught sociology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She is from Little Rock.



Nancy Jackson, from Monticello, Arkansas, has a degree in home economics from the University of Central Arkansas. She has assumed the duties of a home management instructor in the Techniques of Daily Living area at the center.

AFB Director Visits AEB

Loyal E. Apple, Executive Director of the American Foundation for the Blind, visited AEB in April. Apple, who was in Little Rock for the state convention of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Council for the Blind, was the featured speaker at April's AEB Trainee Banquet.

Apple, who recently assumed the leadership of the AFB, outlined his background in rehabilitation and offered his best wishes and hopes for the AEB trainees.

Apple also received an Arkansas Traveler Certificate from Arkansas Governor David Pryor during his visit to the state. This honor makes Apple an Ambassador of Goodwill for Arkansas.

Metcalf and Lampkin Honored By AAWB

Vernon Metcalf, AEB's Associate Executive Director and Lila Lampkin, AEB's Administrative Assistant, were both honored recently at the Arkansas state convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

Metcalf, who has been in rehabilitation work for 17 years, received a special award from the National Accreditation Council honoring his service to blind and visually handicapped individuals.

The award was presented by former Arkansas Lt. Governor Dr. Bob Riley, who is a member of the NAC board of directors. AAWB is a supporting member of NAC.

Lila Lampkin was presented with the 1974-75 AAWB Superior Service Award honoring her 31 years of service to the blind and visually handicapped.

Miss Lampkin was the charter secretary of the Arkansas AAWB chapter and has served for nine years on the AAWB national board of directors.

The award was presented by Otto Turner, chairman of the AAWB awards committee.

Sight Services Week Observed

The sixth annual sight services week was observed in Arkansas during early May. Lions throughout the state were involved in selling light bulbs and other fund raising projects and in holding programs to educate the public about the sight services

available in Arkansas.

All indications are that the week was a success and that a record number of Lions Clubs participated. Arkansas Lt. Governor Joe Purcell issued a special proclamation concerning the week and supporting Lions Club efforts.

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LOYAL E. APPLE, Executive Director of the American Foundation for the Blind speaks to AEB trainees during the April Trainee Banquet.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas



GOVERNOR PRYOR SIGNS ACT 393. Arkansas Governor David Pryor signed Act 393 into law in ceremonies at the state capital recently. The act creates an Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired and authorizes the Governor to create an advisory committee of nine persons for the office. The committee will be composed of representatives from organizations for the blind, ophthalmologists, optometrists, private non-profit organizations, civic organizations concerned with the blind, special education and the general public.

The Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be established within the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services.

The act was sponsored in the House of Representatives by Bill Foster of the England, Arkansas, Lions Club and in the Senate by Max Howell of the Jacksonville Lions Club.

Shown at the signing ceremonies are [l to r] Mrs. Christine Taylor, American Council for the Blind; Representative Bill Foster; Mrs. Chester Holden, American Council for the Blind; Bill Lively, Executive Director of the Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind; Miss Lila Lampkin, National Board Member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind; E. J. Hall, Randolph-Sheppard Vendors; Mrs. Billie Elder, President of the Arkansas Chapter of AAWB and ACB; Harry Vines, Deputy Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services for the Blind; Louis Rives, Director of Research and Staff Development, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind; Roy Kumpe, Executive Director, AEB; and J. M. Woolly, Superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind. Not shown in the photo is Dr. Roger Bost, Director of Social and Rehabilitative Services.



LOUISIANA LEOS OF Sulphur High School, sponsored by the Maplewood-Hollywood, Louisiana, Lions Club, recently received their club charter and donated \$50 to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's Million Dollar Expansion Fund. Shown are [l to r] Robert Robbins, Maplewood-Hollywood Lions Club; Alan Hemphill, Leo Club president; Jack Silverman, Leo Club advisor; Billy Moses, SHS president; Kim Duplichan and Kathy Graves, Leo members.

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Clinton Holman by Horseshoe Bend Lions Club

Colman Linde by Cherokee Village Lions Club

Norman Moore by Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Shaw

J. P. "Pete" Fulford by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Bill Sitlington by Mrs. Helen Duckworth

Mrs. Geraldine Ricks by Miss Mildred McCulloch

Mrs. Susan Vandiver by West Helena "Noon" Lions Club

Earl W. Eberle, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Baer

Melvin Howse by the Wilmoths

Ben McCray by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Caldwell

George Thomas Willmon by Mr. and Mrs. Duke McCloy

John H. Allen by Mr. and Mrs. Benton Brandon

Mrs. D. C. Harris by Mr. and Mrs. Benton Brandon

Delia Young by the Jim Cordells

Mrs. Arnett Oslin by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knauts

Joe Murrey, Sr. by University Heights Lions Club

Otto Gaiser by Elsie Hilson

Dickie Lyon by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Browne

C. Truman Wallace by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burke

Mrs. Harold Balch by Mrs. Julian Apple

C. P. Kulp by Mrs. Julian Apple

Mrs. E. F. Dunn by Mrs. Julian Apple

Clarence O. Mitchell by Robert Sakon

R. B. Watson by Mr. and Mrs. Alva Appling

Jess Ulmer by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cary

Douglas Renshaw by Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Morley

Mrs. Willie Barnes Holland by Robert Sakon

Clarence Day by Conway Noon

Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner

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Preschool Children's Unit

PHASE II PLANS MADE

AEB's One Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program continued during the last month with final plans being made for the beginning of construction of the multi-purpose Phase I building. Final approval of the plans for Phase I has been received from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's regional office in Dallas. Plans are currently being made for the taking of bids and starting letting of the contracts for construction. Ground-breaking ceremonies are being planned for late July.

Plans are continuing for the beginning of Phase II of the program, which will consist of a preschool children's unit. The 7,500 square-foot facility (see drawing below) will be built on AEB property near the center.

This facility will allow AEB to expand its services to a growing segment of the overall blind population. There are few facilities or agencies to which parents of blind and visually handicapped preschool children can turn for counseling and adjustment services. It is hoped that AEB can provide these needed services.

Mary Marquess of the AEB

staff is engaged in a project, in cooperation with the state Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired, to identify the scope and needs of preschool children and parents. "Early intervention is needed," she says, "to help parents obtain good diagnostic information and to help lessen the suffering that accompanies the lack of knowledge concerning a blind child's potential development."

No existing program is designed specifically to meet the needs of children in this group. "These children," Mrs. Marquess continues, "are not getting the type of programs that are needed to insure optimum future development, nor are the parents receiving the counseling and adjustment services they badly need."

The state Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired is attempting to work with children and parents in the home and in the individual communities. However, there are currently no centralized facilities and there is a shortage of resources for work in this area. Services are, therefore, limited.

New Board Members Elected

Hoyt Pyle Elected AEB President

Hoyte R. Pyle of Little Rock was elected President of the Board of Directors of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind during the quarterly board meeting held at the Center in early June. Pyle, who served as 1st Vice President of the Board and Chairman of the Finance Committee during the past year, has been a member of the Board since 1972. He is a member of the Downtown Little Rock Lions Club and a past Lions District Governor.

Pyle succeeds Dr. James M. Fowler, who called on all Board members and Arkansas Lions to give Pyle full support in the coming year to help complete AEB's One Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program. Fowler pointed out that 359 persons received personal adjustment training at AEB during the past year. He also outlined a number of grants that AEB had received and said that he looked forward to continuing growth and service at AEB.

President Pyle told assembled Board members that his goal was "Operation Completion." He said he looked forward to the coming year and hoped that the One Million Dollar Expansion Fund Program could be completed during his tenure. "I hope," he said, "that we can continue to work together to complete this worthwhile project and provide

better and increased services to the blind and visually handicapped."

One new board member was nominated. John E. "Pete" Long, of Memphis, Tennessee, is a former District Governor of District 12-L. He has been active in sight conservation work in Tennessee.



"Operation Completion"

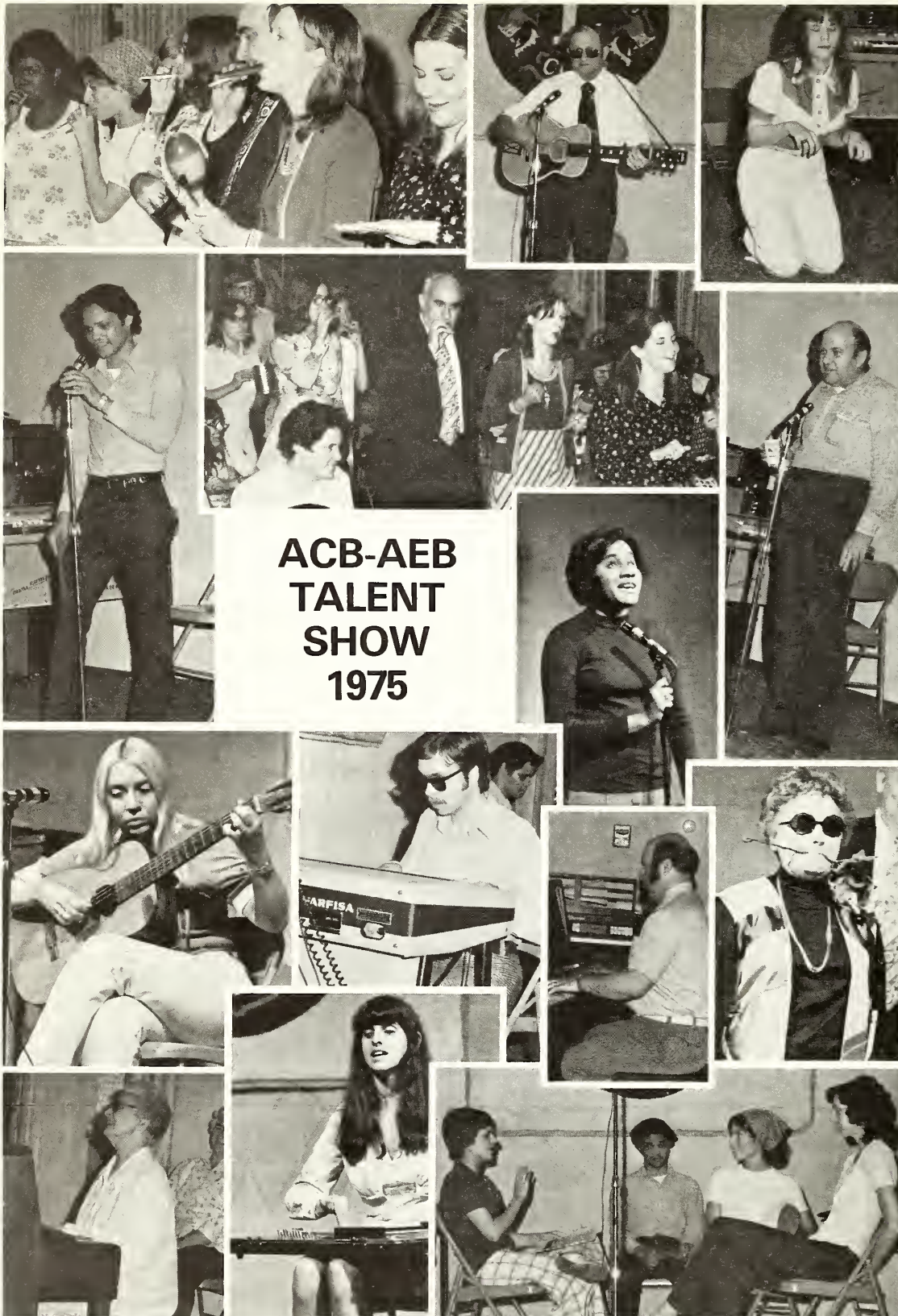
AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of May 29, 1975)

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District L	51,473.00	14,645.16
District I	9,872.00	4,100.34
District O	24,569.00	7,705.50
District N	12,428.00	7,355.17
District S	84,289.00	27,193.41
Other Pledges	16,681.37	10,616.37
Totals	199,312.37	71,615.95

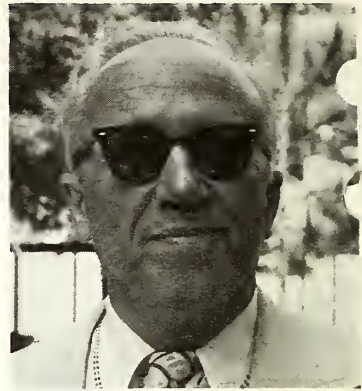


PHASE II PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S UNIT



ACB-AEB TALENT SHOW 1975

Meet the Staff



Otto Turner, AEB's Supervisor of Psycho-Social Services, is a native of Conway, Arkansas. Turner earned his BSE degree at Arkansas State Teacher's College (now University of Central Arkansas) and his MA in vocational education from the University of Arkansas. Turner taught vocational agriculture in Conway and Augusta for 13 years until a hunting accident left him blind.

After learning braille, mobility and typing at home, Turner returned to college and earned an MA in guidance and counseling and a diploma of advanced study in the same field. He then returned to Conway and worked a counselor in the public schools for many years.

Eight years ago Turner joined the AEB staff, but had been associated with the Center for many years. He is a member of the Board of Directors and as sight conservation chairman of the Conway Noon Lions Club. He was a charter member of that club and served as club president. Turner is now completing a term as president of the Oak Forest Lions Club. He has a record of 24 years of perfect attendance at Lions Clubs meetings.

Turner has three children and eight grandchildren. His wife, Delma, is the State Supervisor of Guidance Services for the elementary schools in Arkansas.

His hobbies include collecting pendulum clocks and refinishing antique furniture.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, sex, color or national origin.

ACB-AEB Talent Show A Smash Hit At Center In May

A marching kazoo band, a dramatic reading, classical guitar, a rock band, a stand-up comedian, a "blue yodel" and Hot Lips Louie were just a few of the surprises that persons attending the American Council of the Blind's talent show received.

The show was held in late May in the AEB auditorium and featured a large number of AEB trainees, staff members, ACB members and friends of the Center

as performers, who played to a packed house. Master of Ceremonies Ron Boutte, of Houston, Texas, displayed great skill in keeping the show running smoothly, despite such unscheduled events as lightening setting off the fire alarm system during the rainstorm that was raging outside. Many of those attending thought the firemen, who quickly responded to the alarm, were all part of the show.

The show ended with a command performance by the AEB Marching Kazoo Band, led by Hot Lips Louie Rives. Rives, formerly a sedate Washington bureaucrat, has reformed in recent years and has taken up the kazoo in earnest.

Barbara Purcell, President of the Quazar Chapter of ACB and Johnette and Jeff Weiss, AEB staff members, helped arrange the show along with Ramona Sangalli, also of the AEB staff.

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ARKANSAS LT. GOVERNOR JOE PURCELL was the speaker at AEB's Trainee Banquet in May. Purcell (left) is shown with AEB trainee Pam Tiley of Dyersburg, Tennessee, who was Master of Ceremonies, and AEB President Dr. James M. Fowler.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest
About Former Trainees

Laura Kendall ('74) is now working as Civil Service Job Information Specialist in the Sacramento, Ca., Civil Service Office. Laura, who is from Alhambra, Ca., recently returned to visit AEB during her first vacation. She reported that she had received further training in Sacramento and she was enjoying her work.

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Dorothy Swearngin ('59) also returned to visit AEB recently. Mrs. Swearngin, who now lives in Independence, Mo., devotes much of her spare time to her ham radio hobby. She reported that she spent nine years working in a hospital following her training at AEB. She received her ham license in 1972 and now spends time talking to other hams. She said she would enjoy hearing from AEB friends, either in letters, on tapes or via ham radio. Her call sign is WNOMCK at 1221 West Waldo, Independence, Mo. 64050.

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Peter Sellers ('74) is now working in a sheltered workshop in Louisiana, according to reports from Rehabilitation Counselor Jesse Gary. Sellers was one of the first trainees in the Deaf-Blind Program at AEB. Gary praised Seller's "untiring efforts" in his work.

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Mrs. Charlotte Perry ('74) of DeWitt, Arkansas, has joined her husband in the family business of preparing individual income tax returns and keeping books for various local business. Mrs. Perry received training in AEB's Taxpayer Service Representative Program and is now using those skills to benefit the family business.

Levi Strauss Funds Deaf/Blind Project

Ralph Pollard of the Fayetteville, Arkansas, Levi Strauss plant presented a check for \$1,925 to AEB Board President Dr. James M. Fowler at the June quarterly Board meeting. The funds were given by the Levi home office in San Francisco and were an addition to the \$800 already given by the employees of the Fayetteville plant.

"The employees at Levi raised this money," Pollard said, "because they felt the deaf-blind communication system was a worthwhile project." The Levi Community Relations Team in Fayetteville raised the funds to support the Morse code communications system being developed at the Center.

AEB's Technology Specialist Elmo Knock and AEB trainee Lewis Hoskins from Portsmouth, Virginia, have been working on the communications system prototype for several months. Hoskins is both deaf and blind.

The system, which uses Morse code, allows a deaf-blind individual to receive Morse code signal via a small wrist receiver worn on the arm. The vibration is felt and can be "read" by the wearer. A central unit that uses a Morse code converter keyboard can be used by anyone. It resembles an ordinary typewriter keyboard. A second device translates the Morse code sent by the deaf-blind person into print. Thus, a person need not know Morse code. And the use of a walkie-talkie allows a deaf-blind individual to break through the normal isolation of hand-to-hand communication.

"We hope that we can help research in this project continue," Pollard said.

National Deaf/Blind Appoints Rives

The National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in New Hyde Park, New York, has announced the appointment of Louis Rives, AEB's Director of Research and Development to its Advisory Committee. The National Center's Director, Peter J. Salmon, welcomed Rives to the Advisory Committee in early May. "We are delighted to know that you will be working with us during the coming period of expansion and development of the program at the National Center."

Rives will be attending meetings of the Advisory Committee in New Hyde Park in mid-June.

Volunteers Hosted

Members of the AEB Volunteer Auxiliary were guests at a special "drop-in" reception held in their honor at the Center recently. The reception was held, according to Amy Pais, who is Coordinator of Volunteer Services, "to give the volunteers an opportunity to meet more of the staff and to develop a better overall understanding of the services offered at AEB and the role the volunteer can play in helping provide those services."

About 25 members of the AEB Volunteer Auxiliary gathered with staff members in the Home Management area for cookies, cake, punch and conversation. Diane Yelverton, President of the volunteer group, said that "we certainly enjoyed meeting staff members and learning more about AEB. We look forward to more such gatherings as we continue to work as AEB volunteers."

Governors To Visit

District Governors from surrounding states and International President Harry Aslan will visit AEB on Aug. 16. The Sight Forum will be Aug. 17.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas

The 57th annual Arkansas Lions Club Convention was held at the Marble Falls Convention Center, Dogpatch, USA from May 2 through 4. Lion H. Clarence Freeze of the Jonesboro University Heights Club was elected Chairman of the Council of Governors for 1975-76. Lion Freeze has served as District Governor of District 7-0 during the last year. He has earned the 100 percent District Governor's Award, plus the International Lions Extension Award for organizing four new clubs.

Jim Gunter of the Hope Lions Club was elected Vice-Chairman and Ernest Free of Wynne was elected treasurer. Bob Burns of Bentonville will serve as secretary.

New District Governors were also elected during the convention. Jim Gunter of Hope will serve in District 7-L, Bob Burns of Bentonville in 7-I, J. P. Friend of Blytheville in 7-0, Ernest Free of Wynne in 7-N, and Bob Moore of North Little Rock in 7-S.

The state convention was hosted by the Harrison Lions Club and set a new record for attendance. Over 1,000 Lions, Lionesses and Leos attended the convention. Highlights of the affair were the keynote address by Lions International Director George Crumbley of Atlanta, Georgia, and the Annual Membership Luncheon for Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. AEB Board President Dr. James M. Fowler was the speaker for the AEB luncheon.



AEB VOLUNTEERS GATHER — Shown at the "drop-in" held for the AEB Volunteer Auxiliary are (l to r) volunteers Linda Crain and Elizabeth Levy; President Diane Yelverton; Vice President Linda Jordan; volunteer Ted Grey; Coordinator of Volunteer Services Amy Pais and volunteer Elizabeth Clement.

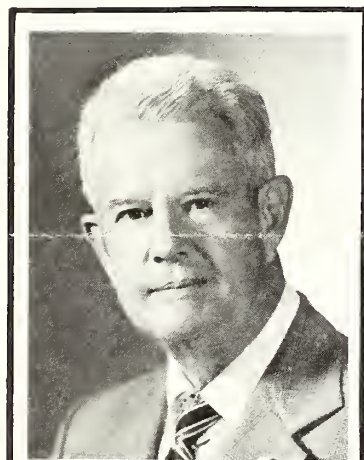


Oswalt Elected Sight Conservation Head

Nyle B. Oswalt has been elected Chairman of the Arkansas Lions Committee for Sight Conservation and Work for the Blind. Oswalt, who served as District Governor of District 7-N during the last year, was elected to the post during the Committee's meeting in early June. He will succeed Benny Huie of Plumerville.

Oswalt served as Vice Chairman of the Committee in 1973-1974. He is from Helena, Arkansas.

Other officers for the coming year include Wendell Johnson of Fort Smith, Vice Chairman; Steve Stephens of Jacksonville, Secretary; and Charles Jefferies of Little Rock, Treasurer.



The family of the late Carroll C. Cannon, of Forrest City, has requested that memorials in his name be made to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

Cannon, who was a member of the AEB Board of Directors, was interested and active in AEB activities before his death in January.

A special Carroll C. Cannon Memorial Fund has been established at AEB for a future project.

To date \$615 has been contributed.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

Lida Wynne by O. W. Long
Mrs. Kate Lenoir Ackerman by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt
Mrs. Ralph McClintock by Cherokee Village Lions Club
John Matthews by Isador Scrinopskie, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.

H. P. Merritt, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman

Hugh Wilkerson by Orientation and Mobility Staff, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Glover

Hugh Wilkerson by Mrs. Barbara Raines

Mrs. A. A. Rice by Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Scott, II, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Thibodaux, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kliewer, Mrs. W. Darrell Christian, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sutton, Mrs. Hazel Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Humble, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Gay, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hawkins, Matron School Mates Club, Mrs. Allie Rapier, Mrs. Juanita Conrad, Mrs. Robert Ward, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Westbrook

Mrs. A. A. Rice by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Steeks

Sybil Gentry by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.

Mrs. Myrtle Williams by Robert Sakon

Mrs. William Beard, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Mrs. Bertha Goode by Conway Noon Lions Club

John C. Lindsey, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stone

Mrs. Louise Parnall by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stone

Mrs. Jim Moore by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Maas, Jr.

Hollis B. Carleton by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burke

Mrs. Olivia Leake by Robert Sakon

Dr. Charles Hedkvist by Roy Kumpe

Andy Robertson by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Mrs. R. A. Atkins by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Block

Ione LaGrone Robertson by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wangenstein

William Edgar Gardner by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dixon

Harold E. McEvoy by Cherokee Village Lions Club

Ruth Marie Heuer by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

Hobe Durbin by Howard Hinman

Mrs. Ruth Knox by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.

Fuller McPhail by Mrs. Carroll C. Cannon

Joe C. Russell by Colonel and Mrs. W. B. Whitacre

Lion Rev. Alfred Knox by A. W. Isenman, Jr., Dr. J. M. Fowler

Roy A. Prewitt by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Hulsey

Dave A. King by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hulsey

Mrs. Annie Fryer by Joe Lindsey

Robert Glynn Miller by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Black, Jr.

Mrs. Kate Miller by Mrs. Angelo Pavan

Mrs. Ruth Stevenson by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen

PID Denis Bersoux by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Frank Buckley by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Thomas S. Vise by Pulaski Heights Lions Club

Dickie Lyon by Jonesboro Lions Club

Mrs. Pearl Baker by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen

Mrs. Joe Stewart by Dr. J. M. Fowler

John A. Purtle by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rawlings

Mrs. A. B. Warren by A. B. Warren, Mrs. Frances Schreiber

Olin R. Rowe by Forrest City Lions Club

George Owens by Miss Lila Lampkin

Fred Carlisle, Jr. by Stuttgart Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph M. King, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette

V. B. Gay by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott

Mrs. Enoch Baker by Pulaski Heights Lions Club

Mrs. Clara Salter by Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon

Martin Walls by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

Mrs. Tom B. Lee, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hubbard

Carl Langston by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Billy Rector by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

William M. Bruce, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robinson

William H. Cortney, Sr. by Robert L. Moore

R. E. Newton by Stuttgart Lions Club

Jimmy Warren by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Douglass, Sr.

Perry Nelson by Crossett Lions Club

McClellan Pennington by Crossett Lions Club

Ralph Johnson by Park Hill Lions Club

Dr. C. F. Shukers by DeQueen Lions Club

Mr. Linquist by Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Cohen

Robert S. Cassady by R. H. "Bob" Shaddock

Mrs. Y. C. Coleman by R. H. "Bob" Shaddock

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Phase III Of Project To Be An Extended Work Experience Unit

When Phase III of AEB's Million Dollar Expansion project is completed, the three new buildings will add 34,500 square-feet of space to the Center and will greatly expand the services available to the blind and visually handicapped. (Bids for Phase I have been opened. See story Page 1.)

Final phase of the three-step building program is the construction of a single-level, 12,000 square-foot structure that will be built on AEB-owned property near main campus and will house extended work experience unit for multi-handicapped persons. Construction cost on this phase of the project is estimated at

\$225,000. The facility will serve as an intermediate step between the personal adjustment of the multi-handicapped individuals and the return to their homes to begin productive employment.

This added service will mean more blind individuals with other handicaps will gain self-confidence and the needed skills to develop independent and productive lives.

This new unit will be the third building construction under the Million Dollar Expansion Fund and the eighth major building added to the Center since the purchase of the original AEB building in 1950. First con-

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On July 2

Bids Opened For Phase I

Six Arkansas construction companies submitted bids for the first phase construction of AEB's proposed three-level, multi-purpose building that ranged from a high of \$610,000 to the apparent low bid by the Jack Morgan Construction Company of England for \$548,220.

Bids included the Beggs Construction Co., \$610,000; Crown Contractors, Inc., \$594,200; Henry-Holland Construction Co., \$585,279; Ozark Construction Co., \$558,382; and RBC, General Contractors, Inc., \$597,000.

Present for the bid opening were Hoyte Pyle, AEB president; Charlie Shelton, AEB treasurer; Bob Moore, district governor for District 7-S; Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB; Kelly Wellborn and Garland Wood, representing the project's architectural firm of Wellborn-Hardwick-Henderson of Little Rock, a large number of AEB staff members and representatives of the bidding companies.

Also present were Eugene Spratt, director of the Hospital Division of the state Health Department and representing the Hill-Burton program, and Billy Haydon, state Health Department.

Two HEW Grants Worth \$133,079 Awarded AEB

More than \$130,000 of new federal money has been granted AEB by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to continue one program and to expand another into offering more jobs for the blind.

AEB will continue its Service for the Older Blind program through a \$70,000 continuation funding that provides training in mobility, braille, techniques in daily living, home management, crafts and additional skills in managing their blindness for Arkansans over 55.

AEB's program for the older blind was one of the first in the country and reached 45 persons its

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OPENING BIDS for the Phase I construction held center stage at AEB on July 2. A large number of staff and other interested persons attended the opening. Kelly Wellborn (left) of Wellborn-Hardwick-Henderson, the project's architect; opens a bid while Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB; and Robert Shepard, AEB business administrator looks on.

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of July 16, 1975)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	52,832.75	17,349.74
District I	10,947.00	5,450.34
District O	26,496.00	9,685.50
District N	14,086.56	8,088.73
District S	84,964.00	30,061.92
Other Pledges	17,247.55	10,797.55
Totals	206,573.86	81,433.78





GOVERNOR DAVID PRYOR met with members of the Advisory Committee to the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired at the State Capitol. Pictured on the front row, left to right, are Bill Lively, Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind; Governor Pryor, Eiland J. Hall, Arkansas Association of Blind Business Enterprise Managers; Mrs. Billie Elder, AEB; Roy Kumpe, AEB; [second row] Dr. Raleigh Seifert, optometrist; Harry Vines, deputy commissioner, state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Dr. Jim Fowler, Arkansas Lions Clubs; Dr. J. M. Woolly, Arkansas School for the Blind; and Dr. J. Mayne Parker, ophthalmologist.

AEB Represented On Governor's Advisory Committee For OBVI

When Gov. David Pryor appointed the nine-member Advisory Committee to the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired in the state Rehabilitative Service Division, he selected two AEB staff members.

Appointed were Roy Kumpe, executive director, and Mrs. Billie Elder, supervisor of educational services and representing the Arkansas Council for the Blind — for which she is Arkansas Chapter president and vice-president of the national organization — on the committee. Established by the 1975 legislature, the committee was empowered July 1.

Dr. Kumpe and Mrs. Elder received their oath of office on July 3, administered by Justice of the Peace Al Ables, formerly information specialist at AEB.

Other committee members are Eiland J. Hall of Little Rock, Arkansas Association of Blind Business Enterprise Managers; Dr. J. Mayne Parker of Little Rock, ophthalmologist; Dr. Raleigh Seifert of Camden, optometrist; Dr. James M. Fowler of Little Rock, past president of AEB and representing the Arkansas Lions Clubs; Dr. J. M. Woolly of Little Rock, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind; Mrs. C. A. Lawlah of Pine Bluff, representing the general public; and Bill Lively of Little Rock, Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind.

The office was established by Act 393 of 1975 and was designed to coordinate all services for the blind and visually impaired in the state.



SOME TENNESSEE LIONS and a number of Lions traveling to or from Dallas for the Lions International Convention interrupted their travels to tour AEB. Five visitors from Johnson City, Tennessee, who stopped were [from left] Dennis Powell, Harry Cook, Club president; Jim Widener, Jack Maddox and Ralph Jones. Richard T. Ludden, AEB chaplain and field representative, escorted the group their tour.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas

Herman West of Searcy, AEB board member and a past director of Lions International, was recently elected president of the Mid-South Lions Sight Service during the annual convention of the association in Cleveland, Mississippi. The program is a remedial eye service operated by Lions from Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. The Service's facilities are located in Memphis. Dr. Jim Fowler, past-president of AEB and a director of Lions International, was a speaker at the meeting.

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The DeWitt Lions Club reports their annual "White Elephant Sale" earned almost \$1,400 for the Club. Richard Tolbert, outgoing Club president, indicated the funds would be used for various local and state service projects — including Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

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Forty-four Lions and Lionesses from the Hot Springs Village Lions Club toured the AEB facilities June 25. Following their tour, the group had dinner in the AEB cafeteria and heard a report on the Million Dollar Expansion Fund from Vernon Metcalf, associate executive director of AEB.

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The Clarksville Lions Club observed its 50th anniversary and honored a charter member, J. T. White of Clarksville, on July 10. Dr. Jim Fowler, past-president of AEB and a director of Lions International, gave the main address and Richard Ludden, chaplain and field representative for AEB, voiced the invocation.

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The Park Plaza Lions Club of Little Rock held a "Junktique" May 31 on the grounds of the First Christian Church in Little Rock and raised \$1,000 for the AEB expansion fund. This event followed a successful light bulb sale where the club reported the highest number of packs sold per member, 70, of any club reported to date.

HEW GRANTS . . .

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first year. The project is being conducted with the cooperation of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the state Office on Aging.

HEW approved a supplement of \$63,079 to expand the training of Civil Service Information Specialists to include training a variety of Information Service Expeditors. It's expected this



Lila Lampkin

Meet the Staff

Lila Lampkin, who in her own words, "has done a little bit of everything" at AEB since joining the organization as a secretary in 1946, is the administrative assistant at the Center.

Miss Lampkin joined AEB July 16, 1946, making her seeds in years of employment, after graduating from Danville High School and Draughton School of Business in Little Rock.

She is a charter member of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, first secretary of its board, past secretary of the board of the national American Association of Workers for the Blind, and presently serves on the board of the national organization. She is past-president of the Arkansas Society for the Prevention of Blindness and also serves on its board. She is assistant secretary of the board of AEB.

Miss Lampkin is a member of the Xi Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, an organization that has supported AEB and a member of the First Christian Church in Little Rock.

supplement will open opportunities for blind employees as reservation clerks for airline, hotels and motels, credit clerk, customer complaint expeditor, customer service representative and similar occupations.

Included in the funding will be the purchase of equipment that will train blind persons to work with computer data in obtaining information needed in their work.

Former Trainee Travels Eastern States With Only Her Knapsack

"I'm traveling down this road with a knapsack on my back," are the words to a popular ballad and fitting words to describe Betty Hofmann of Lincoln, Nebraska, former AEB trainee and professional staff intern in 1972.

Betty, blind for almost four years, is fulfilling a long-time desire to travel the eastern states and observing the Bicentennial all in one package — a 30-day Eagle Pass from Continental Trailways that allows her to travel anywhere within a time limit for a set fee.

The orientation counselor for the Nebraska Department of Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired, a position she has held since leaving AEB, has an itinerary or more than 4,000 miles

to travel with her 11-pound knapsack.

"My first part of the trip was the longest and most boring," Betty says. It was a 1,500-mile bus ride from Lincoln to Boston that required 45 hours. "I was ready for a rest after that."

Following a three day visit in Boston, Betty traveled north to Portland, Maine, then south to Washington, D.C., for a brief stopover before continuing south into North Carolina and then west to Little Rock and a visit to AEB.

Betty spent July 11 at AEB renewing friendships before departing north on the final leg of her trip that includes visiting friends in Missouri before concluding her adventures.

"As might be expected, I've met many different people," Betty says, "from little old ladies giving recipes and advice to a strange character in Washington, D.C., who claimed he was running for president."

"I've read about the bad things that have happened to others and the bad experiences some have had, but there's been no problems for me."

Miss Hofmann explained that losing her sight almost crushed her dreams of traveling like she wanted to, but last March she decided that if she wanted to see Boston, Washington and other places badly enough, she could.

"Next year," she adds, "I think I'll see Wisconsin, Michigan, maybe Canada and maybe . . ."

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Joseph Ficaro (TSR '74) is working in Albany, New York, and reports he likes his job very much.

Marty Mathews (TSR '74) has been given a permanent position with the IRS in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Michael Starincak (TSR '74) has been promoted in the Hartford, Connecticut, IRS office and reports enjoying his work. He also reports enjoying gardening — especially the vegetables and roses he's raising.

Terry Gorman (TSR '74), Paul Rilling (TSR '74) and Bill Rykosh (TSR '74) have completed temporary assignments in Cleveland, Ohio, and are moving to new jobs — Terry in Chicago, Paul to Philadelphia, and Bill to Memphis.

Bradley Akey (TSR '74) and Mike Malcarne (TSR '74) are now working in Brooklyn, New York, after completing temporary



BETTY HOFMANN had a surer way of travel, by bus instead of hitchhiking when she totaled more than 4,000 miles traveling from her home, Lincoln, Nebraska, to New England and then Arkansas for a visit to AEB. She is a former trainee and professional staff intern.

assignments in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Alvin Harris (TSR '75) is now working in the IRS office in Atlanta, Georgia.

Congratulations to Michael (TSR '72) and Susan Bernay of Fresno, California. They are the parents of a son, Adam Jonathan, born April 15. What other date would be appropriate for the son of a TSR?

Special kudos for Lou Fioritto (TSR '69) of Cleveland, Ohio, Paul Cheek (TSR '70) of Little Rock, Arkansas, Dean Mahlke (TSR '70) of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Thomas Worthen (TSR '72) of Seattle, Washington. This quartet was selected Blue Ribbon Taxpayer Service Specialist — not only an honor, but a higher grade.

Ann Johnston (TSR '74) recently made a brief visit to AEB and reported really liking her work in the Columbia, South Carolina, IRS office.

The population of AEB-trained Taxpayer Service Representatives rose to eight in the Chicago office

when David Carpenter (TSR '75) joined seven other AEB-trained employees in the Windy City.

Fetzer Williams (TSR '75) reports accepting a position in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Gary (TSR '72) and Kay (Carolyn Casey '73) Beattie of Cheyenne, Wyoming, are the parents of a son, Gary Michael Beattie, Jr., born June 11 at the civilized hour of 1:25 p.m. Gary, Jr., weighed in at seven pounds and six and three-fourths ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches.

A friend of Alice Ashenfelter ('68) has written AEB praising the wonderful work and adjustment Alice has made in her community of Winslow, Arizona. Alice, an R.N. before losing her sight, is helping others with her work as church secretary of the First United Methodist Church, chairman of the Fellowship Committee for two lay witness programs, attended an out-of-state witness program as a witness, and is a volunteer worker at Crisis Intervention.



Mike Carberry

Memorials

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Col. Reed G. Landis by Col. and Mrs. W. B. Whitacre, Mrs. Robertin McCaffrey

Local ASWB Chapter Holds \$933 Project

The Arkansas Chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind earned \$933 from its recent micro-wave oven fund raising project, according to a report by Lionel Billeau, the project's chairman.

Holding the winning ticket that was drawn June 11 was James Spakes, BEP manager at the Little Rock Furniture Co. Seller of the winning ticket — and winner of an all-expense paid trip to Dogpatch USA — which was donated by Jess Odom, chairman of the board of Dogpatch and president of the International Services for the Blind, was Dwain Smith, BEP specialist at 108 South Street.

Smith became a double winner because he also sold the largest number of tickets. This was worth a cash prize of \$100.

Runner-up in ticket sales were Billie Haynes, BEP bookkeeper, 900 West Fourth Office in Little Rock; and Jim Tullos, counselor, Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Texarkana. They received gift certificates donated by J. C. Penney's and Dillard's.



ENTERTAINMENT for the June 10 National Rehabilitation Association Conference in Little Rock at the Camelot Inn was supplied by AEB Trainee Ed Weiss ('75) of Waukesha, Wisconsin. During his tenure at AEB, Mr. Weiss shared his talents with a number of Lions Clubs. AEB was represented at the meeting by Duane Balentine, director of vocational services.

Hugh D. Crawford by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Knauts

Harland Herbert by Cherokee Village Lions Club

Tom Bill Rogers by Mr. and Mrs. George Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Dr. J. M. Fowler, Mary Clark Hudspeth and Jeral Clark Hudspeth, "The Wheeler Families," Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barrett, David Banks, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Langston

Robert Q. Conner by Crossett Lions Club

Robert A. Yerzy by Telesensory Systems, Inc.

Mrs. Gertrude Dutton by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cabe

Sam J. Altschul by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Kelley

Dr. C. A. Pierce by Rogers Lions Club

Larkin Reeves by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.

Mrs. Barbara T. Stewart by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Whitwell, Jr.

Herschel Lawson by Mrs. Julian Apple

Mrs. Annie Berry by Oguss Walker and family

Paul G. Hill by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Campbell, J. L. and Mary Marshall Family, Batesville Lions Club

Stanley Mercer by Joe Lindley

Bruce McConnell by Joe Lindley

J. Harold Francis by Beaumont Nursing Home, A. B. Warren, Miss Lila Lampkin

Sarah Hayley Coleman by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Douglass

Clyde E. Ray by Fleishner Family

Evender W. West by Robert Sakon

Alford Porter by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Roberts

Jolly Wilson by Pulaski Heights Lions Club

Raymond Miller by Ted L. Gray

Elbert Jackson by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jackson

Jack Hanle by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burton

Mrs. Ida Tedford by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burton

Paul G. Hill by Kagle Huff, Ms. Lynn Williams

John Danner by Mr. and Mrs. Herman West, Searcy Lions Club

William C. Owens by Miss Allajean Lorince

Mrs. Sadge M. Boasberg by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fryer

Mrs. Gracie G. Hooter by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fryer

Jack Caldwell by Mr. and Mrs. Wilton A. Treadway

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struction work was in 1960 when

the Arkansas Lions adopted their

second capital fund project that

resulted in the five-building

complex that exists now.

The new effort by Arkansas

Lions is the most ambitious

endeavor undertaken by the

organization on behalf of AEB, a

campaign to raise \$290,000 during

the next two years to reach the

goal of a Million Dollars.

Financing of the project includes a

\$240,000 grant from the Hill-

Burton fund and \$250,000 from

the state legislature through funds

appropriated by Act 172 of 1975.



GOING FISHING was a popular booth at the Arkansas Council for the Blind's cabaret on July 12. Amy Pais, coordinator of trainee service, helps a fisherman, Terry Harper of Baton Rouge, La., while Barbara Wilson of Benton, Ark., waits a turn. Johnette Weiss, cabaret committeeman, reports unofficially that \$160 was raised for the Council.

Mrs. Albert Lammers by Stuttgart Lions Club

Ed Hasley, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hubbard

Case Chappelle by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hubbard

Merle L. Vance by Mr. and Mrs. James Stallcup

Mrs. B. B. McCall by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Searcy

Miss Margaret Spencer Trimble by Robert Sakon, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.

Mrs. June Schooley Lipscomb by Robert Sakon

J. C. Harrison by A. W. Isenman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. B. James

Carroll C. Cannon by John E. Allmon

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Lions Discuss Sight Work At 29th Annual Forum

More than 125 Arkansas Lions attended the 29th Sight Conservation Forum at AEB August 17 where they heard reports on sight conservation work in the state and were challenged to continue their effort.

Nyle B. Oswalt of Helena, chairman, Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Committee, the sponsoring body of the Forum, presided over the gathering that opened with a panel discussing the services for the blind and visually impaired in Arkansas.

Members of the panel were Mrs. Daisye Zimmerman, director, Division of Public Health Education; J. M. Woolly, superintendent, Arkansas School for the Blind; Harry D. Vines, deputy commissioner, Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; and Dr. Fritz Fraunfelder, chairman, Department of

Ophthalmology, University of Arkansas Medical Center, Little Rock.

Hoyte R. Pyle, president of AEB, discussed the completion of AEB's Million Dollar Expansion program with those attending. Other services reporting were W. K. Heard, Jr., chairman, Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank; and Herman West, president, Mid-South Lions Sight Service, Inc., Memphis, Tenn.

Two fund raising projects were featured with special reports — Light Bulb Sales by Robert Shepard, AEB business administrator; and White Cane Week, C. N. Stephens, White Cane Week chairman — and were followed by the District Sight Conservation chairman discussing special fund raising projects.

Those chairmen reporting were

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ARKANSAS LIONS, more than 125 strong, gathered August 17 for the 29th Sight Conservation Forum at AEB. Nyle R. Oswalt of Helena (left), Sight Conservation chairman, listens as C. N. "Steve" Stephens of Jacksonville, White Cane Week chairman, urges the Lions to support the White Cane effort.



TSR TRAINEE Sylvia Ramirez demonstrates reading braille to find income tax information for Harry Aslan, president, Lions International; and Dr. Jim Fowler, director, Lions International. Miss Ramirez and Mr. Aslan are both Californians. Mr. Aslan met a number of AEB trainees during his tour of the Center.

President Harry Aslan Visits AEB, Tours Rehabilitation Area

Harry Aslan, president of Lions International, praised Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and the Lions Clubs of Arkansas for their work with the blind as he addressed more than 200 Lions and Lionesses from 16 states attending AEB's Annual Meeting of District Governors from Neighboring States.

Described as the largest gathering of Lions International's official family, outside a national convention, by President Aslan and others, the meeting gave the visiting Lions a chance to see the rehabilitation center and the work being done with the blind.

President Aslan, visiting AEB for the first time since 1968 and the first time as president of the more than 1 million Lions in 146 nations, toured the facility with the other visitors. Meeting trainees

in their training areas, touring AEB's buildings and getting close-up looks at the low-vision aids clinic and the technology section were highlights of the tour.

Hoyte R. Pyle of Little Rock, president of AEB, welcomed the visiting Lions to AEB and then turned the meeting over to Dr. Jim Fowler of Little Rock, chairman of the day's activities.

During his address, President Aslan urged Lions to continue their diligent work for the blind, and called their work at AEB "Lions finest hours."

Ten International directors attended the tour. They were Don A. Buckalew, Conroe, Texas; Dr. Jim Fowler, Little Rock; George Crumbley, Atlanta, Ga.; Edward "Moon" Kosjer, Norfolk, Va.; Howard Towns, Lake Wales, Fla.;

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Other Pledges	19,223.55	12,779.55
Totals	210,654.61	88,691.83



ELMO KNOCH (left), AEB technology specialist, informs a tour of visiting Lions, including Lions International President Harry Aslan; George Crumbly of Atlanta, Ga., International director; and Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director; about the work in his section.

U.S. Senator Dale Bumpers Elected Director Of AEB

U. S. Senator Dale Bumpers of Charleston has been elected a member of the 46 member board of directors of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, according to Hoyte R. Pyle, president of AEB.

Senator Bumpers, elected to the U.S. Senate in 1974, served two terms as Arkansas' governor. During his tenure as the state's chief executive, he served as chairman of the National Democratic Governors' Caucus, chairman of the Southern Growth Policy Board, as a member of the

Democratic National Committee and its Executive Committee.

He is a member of the Senate's Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences.

The AEB board has responsibility for directing the work, continued expansion and improvements for the internationally-known rehabilitation center for the blind and visually impaired that is owned and operated by the Lions Clubs of Arkansas.



AWARD WINNERS at the annual College Preparatory awards activities at AEB were (from left) Malcolm Montgomery, PMA award; Darryl Batiste, Kumpe Hall representative; Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB; Julia Brown, Pinkerton Hall representative; and Theresa Cutlip, outstanding college prep trainee.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

For Cynthia Kirakawa (TSR '73) being named Honolulu's Outstanding Handicapped Federal Employee of the Year was worth a congratulatory "aloha" kiss from Hawaii Governor George R. Ariyoshi. The award cited Cynthia for dedicated service, speed and accuracy. Her supervisor reports there have been no complaints about the accuracy of her tax answers during her one and a half years with IRS. Cynthia's other activities include counseling handicapped students at the University of Hawaii, where she received her B.A. in sociology, and work with a mental health clinic in Honolulu.

Bob Neumann of Laguna Hills, Calif. (AEB '69), has been elected president of the Laguna Hills Lions Club. He also reports, via a letter to Elmo Knoch, technology specialist at AEB, to have a ham radio. His call letters are WA6RHA. He reports receiving another "ham" from New Mexico.



Charlene Ware

Meet the Staff

Charlene Ware, alpha communication technique instructor, has been employed at AEB five years this month — her employment dates from September 9, 1970.

Miss Ware, a native Arkansan, was educated at Texas College in Tyler, Texas, and has never worked anywhere other than Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. She is a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the Arkansas Council of the Blind.

Prior to becoming ACT instructor at AEB, Miss Ware was an instructor in personnel management.

She lists her hobbies as sewing and cooking.

LIONS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 21 — District O Conference
Batesville
- Oct. 5 — District S Conference
North Little Rock
- Oct. 6-11 — White Cane Week

14th College Preparatory Course Prepares 20 For Freshman Year

Nine weeks of college preparatory work concluded with the annual College Preparatory Awards activities on August 7 for 20 college-bound 1975 high school graduates from Arkansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Ohio and Mexico.

(AEB has a college prep trainee from Columbia, South America. Luis Eduardo Pena arrived in July and will remain at AEB at least through January. He will return home and attend school in his country.)

Highlights of the awards program was the giving of the Roy Kumpe scholarships, donated by Robert Sakon, past AEB president; and the presentation of the 2nd annual PMA Award, a gift from the Serendipity Fund, administered by Mrs. Nanette Walker of Texarkana.

Selected the outstanding college prep student by the AEB staff was Theresa Cutlip of Alexandria, La. Miss Cutlip, who served as mistress of ceremonies during the award activities, received a \$200 scholarship. Selected by their fellow trainees, and recipients of

\$150 scholarships, were Julia Brown of Natchitoches, La., representing Pinkerton Hall; and Darryl Batiste of Baton Rouge, La., representing Kumpe Hall.

The PMA Award, awarded the trainee displaying the best "positive mental attitude" was awarded Malcolm Montgomery of Baton Rouge, La.

This year's class, the 14th at AEB, followed a similar curriculum to previous classes — tour of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, guest speakers explaining what's expected of incoming freshmen at college and what freshmen may expect from their college, orientation to the library system, and the sharpening of their skills in personal adjustment — such as orientation, mobility, social skills, recreation — and academic instructions.

Academic instructor was Dr. John Lammers from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Jim Cordell of the AEB staff coordinated training for the college prep course.

By-LIONS



. . All Around Arkansas

The Cabot Lions Club reports at its softball tournament was a success, measured by the \$655 it raised for the club. Proceeds from the event are to be used in sight conservation work.

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More than 150 Lions from across Arkansas attended the Charter Night of the Pleasant Valley Lions Club held at the Second Presbyterian Church on August 18. Dr. Jim Fowler,

director, Lions International, was the Charter speaker. Dr. William L. Casey is president of the new club and reports meetings will be held the first and third Monday at 6:30 at the Bonanza on Rodney Parham Road. The Pulaski Heights Lions Club sponsored the Pleasant Valley Club. Prior to their Charter night activities, more than 40 Lions and Lionesses from the club toured the AEB facilities.

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The Hot Spring Leo Club, sponsored by the Hot Springs Oaklawn Lions Club, toured the AEB facilities on July 27. Approximately 20 members made the tour.

Shotwell Award

AAWB Recognizes Kumpe

Roy Kumpe, executive director of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, received the 1975 Ambrose M. Shotwell Award from the American Association of Workers for the Blind on July 22 in Atlanta.

The Shotwell award ceremonies at the 46th National Convention of the AAWB developed into an all-Arkansas night. That occurred because Finis E. Davis, a native Arkansan, past-president of Lions International and presently vice-president and general manager of the American Printing House for the Blind; and Louis Rives of Little Rock, director of Research and Staff Development at AEB and a recipient of the same award in 1969, presented the award.

Kumpe was awarded the citation because of his work in the field of rehabilitation programs for the blind, including his work with AEB since 1939, serving as AAWB's president in 1951-53, and his "outstanding contributions" to various other associations of and for the blind.

Governor David Pryor, Senators John L. McClellan and Dale Bumpers, and Congressmen Wilbur D. Mills, Bill Alexander and Ray Thornton congratulated Kumpe by letter and praised him for his effort for the blind and the national and international recognition he has brought the AEB center, himself and his home state.

Sen. Bumpers wrote, "with compassion and acumen you have influenced . . . thousands of lives . . ." Congressman Mills pointed out that "the honor could not go to more deserving individual."

Among the many other letters of congratulation received at AEB, were letters from Harold Russell, chairman of the President's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped; D. C. MacFarland, director, Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped,

Office of Human Development, Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Loyal E. Apple, executive director, American Foundation for the Blind; and Daniel D. Robinson, president, National Accreditation Council.

In his acceptance speech, Kumpe stressed cooperation among the various associations and organizations of and for the blind. He pointed out that many accomplishments have been made over the years, then called for a maturity for all organizations of and for the blind to develop these accomplishments fully.

He followed up these appeals with similar requests during interviews with the *Atlanta Constitution* and *Atlanta Journal*.



FINIS E. DAVIS, past president of Lions International, a former Arkansan and presently vice-president and general manager of the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Ky., reads from the Ambrose M. Shotwell Award scroll prior to presenting it to Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB. Mrs. Kumpe is standing at right. Seated is Robert Whitstock, president of AAWB. Also sharing in the presentation ceremonies of the Shotwell Award was Louis Rives (photo at right), director of Research and Staff Development at AEB.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

Owen D. Gunter by Roy Kumpe and AEB Staff, Dr. J. M. Fowler

J. Harold Francis by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Mrs. Henry H. Treadway by Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Treadway

Russell Massey by Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Osborne

Jamie S. Jamieson by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mrs. Roderick Beddow by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Elvia Reynolds by Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Shelton

Henry Havlik by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Dixon

Opal Dunlevy by Raymond Morris
Austin Metcalf by A. W. Isenman, AEB staff

PRESIDENT . . . (From P. 1)

Howard L. "Pat" Patterson, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Dr. Lacy M. Presnell, Raleigh, N.C.; Gerry Robbine, Pine City, Minn.; Gene L. Rice, Wanatah, Indiana; and Albert H. LaVine, Middletown, N.Y.

Forty-nine District Governors from nine states, including Arkansas, attended the meeting. There were three past Lions International presidents present — Finis Davis of Louisville, Ky., Dr. Robert D. McCullough of Okla., and Edward G. Barry, Sr., of Little Rock.

Mrs. James Highfill by Mrs. Sylvia McCray

Mrs. W. B. Sutton by Mrs. Lavonne Little, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kliever

Joseph Ouellette by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Glenn

Eldon Galloway by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Burke

Gerald Frank Ross by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Levy, AEB staff, Mrs. Robertine McCaffrey

Howard Caldwell by Joe J. Poe, Martin Fleischner, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tracy

Paul Williams by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Black

Pat Haley by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Black, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Till

William Hoskins by Cherokee Village Lions Club, Charles S. Graves

SIGHT FORUM . . . (From P. 1)

Angelo Pappas, of Hot Springs District 7-L; Wendell Johnson of Fort Smith, District 7-I; Ernie Mann of Cherokee Village, District 7-O; Carl Chambers of Horseshoe Lake, District 7-N; and Charlie M. Jefferies of Little Rock, District 7-S.

Fifteen clubs were recognized for their sight conservation work last year. District 7-L — 1st, DeQueen; 2nd, Arkadelphia Evening; and 3rd, Hot Springs Village. District 7-I — 1st, Rogers; 2nd, Fayetteville; and 3rd, Clarksville. District 7-O — 1st, Batesville; 2nd, Mammoth Springs; and 3rd, Calico Rock. District 7-N — 1st, Searcy Noon; 2nd, Horseshoe Lake; and 3rd, West Memphis. District 7-S — 1st, Park Plaza; 2nd, Oak Forest; and 3rd, Jacksonville Evening.



Mrs. Grace Noyes Pinkerton, AEB Benefactor, Died August 27

Mrs. Grace Noyes Pinkerton, 84, a former AEB trainee and a benefactor of the center with Pinkerton Hall, AEB's women dormitory, being named in her honor, died Saturday, August 23, in Little Rock.

She was the widow of the late James O. Pinkerton.

A memorial service was held in AEB's auditorium Monday, August 25, with AEB trainees, staff and several members of the board of directors attending. Richard T. Ludden, AEB chaplain and field representative, and Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, conducted the services.

IRS Ruling To Benefit Blind

There's been two important IRS rulings that will benefit certain blind persons, according to a recent report in the Wall Street Journal.

The IRS ruled that parents who buy Braille editions of books and magazines for their blind child could deduct the cost as a medical expense. The deductible amount would be that which exceeds the cost of a regular textbook.

A second ruling deals with employing persons as readers for the blind. The cost of hiring a reader, a practice among many blind professional people, is now tax deductible as a business expense.

Any questions about the new ruling can be answered by your local IRS office. And who knows, the TSR giving the information could possibly be a former AEB trainee.

Mrs. Pinkerton was born March 30, 1891, in Liberal, Missouri. A member of a pioneer family, Mrs. Pinkerton's family moved to the southwestern part of Missouri shortly after the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. A true product of America's frontier, Mrs. Pinkerton and her family participated in the Oklahoma land rush and she also lived in frontier Kansas. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Pinkerton completed nursing training just in time to serve as a Red Cross nurse during World War I. A registered nurse, she worked in Kansas City for many years.

She lost her sight following surgery to remove a cataract. She was an AEB trainee in 1953. Mrs. Pinkerton spoke at the dedication services for Pinkerton Hall on September 13, 1969.

Burial services were held September 2 in Lamar, Missouri.

AAWB Names Elder And Vines To Post

Mrs. Billie Elder, supervisor of educational services at AEB, was named to the executive committee of the American Association of Workers for the Blind during the Association's 46th National Convention.

Mrs. Elder has been a board member of AAWB for two years.

Another Arkansan, Harry Vines, deputy commissioner, state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, was elected to the AAWB Board of Directors.



AEB'S VOLUNTEER AUXILIARY received awards for their service during the fiscal year 1974-75. Receiving her certificate from Ted Gray, former president of the Auxiliary, is Mrs. Elizabeth Levy. In the background is Mrs. Amy Pais, coordinator of trainee services.

AEB Honors Volunteers For 2,600 Hours Of Service During '74-'75

More than 2,600 hours of volunteer work, work with a value that cannot be measured in dollars, was honored August 7 during AEB's annual Volunteer Recognition Night.

Amy Pais, coordinator of Trainee Services at AEB, reports 79 volunteers provided service during the fiscal year 1974-75.

The number of hours contributed included two volunteers who amassed 424 hours each at the Center.

"Something that's important to remember," Mrs. Pais points out, "volunteers are rather poor at keeping records of their hours. There's probably many unreported hours."

Volunteers at AEB help in a number of ways, including reading, guiding, shopping, providing transportation and helping in recreation and social skills.

AEB's volunteers range from senior citizens groups to junior high students offering their help during the summer. Mrs. Pais said that some of the volunteers are persons who themselves are either blind or visually impaired.

For the first time, there has

been coordination with other volunteer agencies this year and this has increased the number of volunteers working at AEB. Mrs. Pais points out that this cooperation works in the best interest of the volunteer and gives that person an opportunity to work with the agency of his preference.

Making the presentation certificates to volunteers, after received an award from Mrs. Pais, was Ted Gray, founder and former president of AEB's auxiliary.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, sex, color or national origin.

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A BUCKET OF PENNIES containing \$30.41 was a gift to the AEB Expansion Fund by Mildred Gillette of Stuttgart, a trainee at AEB in 1968. The pennies, weighing approximately 23 pounds, are held by her husband, Claude Gillette (right), as they were being presented to Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director.

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Mrs. Pinkerton

Trainee Leaves Trust To AEB

Mrs. Grace Noyes Pinkerton, a former AEB trainee who died August 23 in Little Rock, has willed a trust fund valued at approximately \$55,000 to the Center.

Mrs. Pinkerton lost her sight in 1951 and came to AEB in 1953 for training. Later she wrote numerous articles about the rehabilitation center, using longhand and typing skills she learned at AEB, for newspapers and magazines.

In 1969, AEB named its men's dormitory in honor of Mrs. Pinkerton. It was at this time that she established the trust fund for AEB.

In a 1955 article for the *Arkansas Gazette*, Mrs. Pinkerton said that when she arrived at the center at age 58, "I felt my life was not worth living. I had had a successful career as a registered nurse, but it had taught me nothing about adjusting to blindness. I had never learned to type, and therefore could not communicate without help."

After training, she returned to Liberal, Mo., her home, where she took up writing, antique collecting and refinishing. She returned to Little Rock in 1969 to make her home and frequently visited AEB for refresher courses and to advise new trainees.

Mrs. Pinkerton was a graduate of Drury College at Springfield, Mo., and of the Christian Church Hospital School for Nursing at Kansas City. She was a Red Cross nurse in Europe during World War I, and was a private nurse in Kansas City for many years.

She was a member of the Christian Church of Liberal, Mo., and of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Pinkerton was the widow of James O. Pinkerton, a Liberal, Mo., real estate executive who died in 1948, the year Mrs. Pinkerton developed acute glaucoma.

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Director Elected

Howard L. "Pat" Patterson Jr., Lions International director from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, has been elected to the board of directors of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, according to Hoyte R. Pyle, president of AEB.

Patterson, a Chancery Court judge, was elected at the board's September 24 meeting.

He has been a 100 percent District Governor and received the District Governor Extension award. He is a Key Member and is president of the Mississippi Lions Sight Foundation.

Director Patterson is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

AEB Has Role In Bicentennial Plan

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind will have a part in America's Bicentennial celebration, with a larger role possible if it is selected one of 200 community achievements that will be spotlighted in the Horizons on Display program.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is putting together a Bicentennial tribute to community achievement. Attempting to stimulate national dialogue on community development, HUD will select 200 sites of development to exemplify America's spirit of solving its problems.

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GOVERNOR DAVID PRYOR turns the first shovel of dirt for AEB's \$650,000 new building as Lt. Gov. Joe Purcell of Benton (right) prepares to turn the second shovel. Looking on is State Senator Max Howell of Jacksonville (left), president of the Jacksonville Lions Club; State Representative William Foster of England, (partly visible on the extreme left); and a number of other guests, Arkansas Lions, and AEB trainees and staff.

Governor Pryor Helps AEB Break Ground For Phase I

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind culminated the first year of its Million Dollar Expansion program by beginning construction on Phase I — a three-level, 15,000 square-foot, multi-purpose building on the northeast corner of the present campus.

Construction got its symbolic start on September 11 when Governor David Pryor, Lt. Gov. Joe Purcell, Dr. Jim Fowler, Lions International Director and chairman of the construction committee; Hoyte Pyle, president of AEB; and others turned the traditional gold shovel of dirt

before representatives of the State Health Department, Dallas office of HEW, a large turnout of AEB trainees, staff, Arkansas Lions and other friends of AEB.

Activities then moved into the Robert Sakon building for a luncheon address by the Governor. During his talk, called by some in attendance as the best speech on rehabilitation work they had ever heard, Gov. Pryor praised the Arkansas Lions for their sponsoring AEB and for the tireless work they contributed to the work for the blind.

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Excerpts from Governor David Pryor's address at AEB on September 11 . . .

On this important day in the history of Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, I am privileged to be a part of your dedication ceremonies.

It does me good, personally, to be able to witness firsthand the material results of all those light bulb drives the Camden Lions Club used to sponsor when I was growing up there.

I think it was remembering all those drives — and wanting to continue my support of programs for the blind — that accounted for my determination to act in some significant way in their behalf during this year's legislative session.

We sponsored, in my administration, Senate Bill 392 to create a new office of the blind.

And later, as all of you know, I had the privilege of appointing a special task force on the Blind and Visually Impaired.

You have made, in this facility, an impressive contribution to the progress blind people are making in this country.

I deliberately said "country" instead of "state" because this is a project that extends far beyond state boundaries.

Since 1946, when AEB took in trainees from Louisiana, Missouri, and Tennessee, its identification has exceeded Arkansas borders . . .

And since 1973, when services were extended to citizens from Montana and Hawaii, its definition has gone even beyond regional bounds.

You are now serving all 50 states and 22 foreign countries . . . and in this service you extend to people over the United States and abroad a warmth and concern . . . and a dedication to high professional standards . . . that speaks well for Arkansas and all its people.

This is the kind of leadership and direction that I think characterizes much of the Arkansas spirit in the mid-seventies.

It used to be that we were content with a regional identification.

But that was when the world was smaller, less complicated, and more inclined to allow each state and sphere its own private singleness of purpose.

This isolation no longer serves the interests of anyone — not only Arkansans but our neighboring states as well.

The interstate highway system forms a binding tie that incorporates our country into one cohesive whole . . .

Federal standards for matching funds are becoming increasingly uniform [and I might add increasingly confusing at the same time].

And specific regions of the country are finding it necessary to cast their lots together for survival of the energy crisis.

What we are seeing in state government and state services is a New Federalism, designed for the mutual dependence and cooperation of all.

It's appropriate, then, that while your new facility will aid the Arkansas blind it will assist as well any of those from other states who need and want to come here for help and assistance.

It's appropriate that you would want to expand your professional and supportive staff to more than its present 90 members.

And it's appropriate that you would find it necessary to build new physical facilities to accommodate this impressive growth.

I want to commend and congratulate the Lions and the private donors responsible for this Phase I of your expansion program . . .

And also the ingenuity of those at AEB who secured the matching state grant and the Hill-Burton funds from Washington.

The availability of this money indicates a growing

national and state awareness of the pressing needs among the blind and visually impaired.

There are now more than 1,700,000 blind persons in the United States . . .

And among these a great number are pre-school age or retired persons.

What irony, it seems that those perhaps least able to rehabilitate themselves are often the ones called upon to do so.

Thanks to the sympathetic services of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind — and at the same time a healthy refusal to pamper or indulge, its trainees — even the very young and the very elderly will reap the benefits of these facilities.

We must see that this impressive enterprise is not neglected in the future — by government, by private donors and industry, by organizations, or by the public interest and commitment without which no project — however well-funded — can succeed.

I can tell from the looks of determination here that all of you are cut from a similar bolt, and that Phase III — the children's unit and pre-school program — will be constructed in a matter of time.

With this kind of private support I think that state rehabilitation agencies have no choice but to maintain, and as future needs arise, increase their share of tuition payments for trainees.

And the point I want to make today is that the blind person must be given the same chance and opportunity, the same access to an open market in a sighted world.

This is where the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind fits in . . . for in their training programs they offer much more than a vocational skill.

As important as these programs are . . . and I know that during the past fiscal year 140 blind people qualified for the Taxpayer Service Representative course, and went to work for the Internal Revenue Service throughout the United States . . .

But as important as this personal training might be in offering a skill, the most crucial element is the character support, and the faith in one's capacity to grow, and the commitment this staff has made toward the building up of its trainees and preparing them for a full and productive life.

I have made a major point of singling out public support as a key factor in success . . . as perhaps the key factor in making such a program as this succeed . . . and the reason is because it is a spirit and feeling I have found all across the state.

I am unwilling to accept the doomsayer's point of view and predict the eventual demise of American society.

Emerging as we have from a crisis in our national leadership, I am convinced that our people are the stronger for it.

And I find that we in Arkansas are looking to a local and state level of government to fill our needs and solve our problems.

William Faulkner said something in his Nobel Prize acceptance speech — in 1950 — about the capacity and ability of mankind to survive in the face of overwhelming odds.

I think his confidence in man's strength of will applies here today — and to the many who in the future are bound to benefit from this new building.

Faulkner said that after the last ding-dong of time has sounded . . . to use his phrase . . . there will still be a human being somewhere, struggling maybe, but still talking and still writing . . . a human being who endures and prevails.

These key terms — our determination to endure and prevail — serve as the cornerstone for this new building, and this new day.

Thank you for letting me take part in this celebration.

GOVERNOR : (From Page 1)

The Governor spoke of the light bulb sales in his home town, Camden, as examples of Lions work that provided his determination to act in some significant way on the behalf of the blind.

He gave special recognition to AEB, its staff and leadership, for their work, and special thanks to the Center for its "sympathetic services, with a healthy refusal to pamper, or indulge, its trainees, so that even the young and elderly will reap the benefits of these facilities."

Governor Pryor, who has signed legislation that created the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and legislation that provided \$250,000 matching funds for AEB's expansion program, urged Arkansas to "see that this impressive Enterprise is not neglected in the future — by government, private donors and industry, by organizations or by the public interest."

He also had words of high praise for AEB's vocational training — citing the TSR program as an example of AEB's effort to give the blind " . . . the same chance and opportunity, the same access to an open (job) market, and an opportunity to compete fairly and openly on a public market with the sighted." He noted this was extremely critical in today's tight economy with unemployment running high.

"But as important as this personal training might be in offering a skill, the most crucial element is the character support, and the faith in one's capacity to grow, and the commitment this staff has made toward the building up of its trainees and preparing them for a full and productive life."

In addition to the state's \$250,000 for the three phase expansion program, the first state funds ever used for construction at AEB; there is \$240,000 matching funds from the Hill-Burton Act (HEW), with individual pledges and Lions Clubs activities anticipated to raise the remainder of the Million Dollar Expansion fund.

Phase II of the program is for a pre-school children's unit and phase III is for an extended work experience unit. Governor Pryor stated he could "see the looks of determination here that would see the job completed successfully — with the construction of Phase II and III as a matter of time."

Media coverage of the groundbreaking ceremony was provided by all three Little Rock television stations — KARK (4), KTHV (11) and KATV (7); by the *Arkansas Gazette* and *Arkansas Democrat*, and by radio stations KARN and the Arkansas Radio Network, and KAAY.



LUIS PENA, AEB TRAINEE from Cali, Colombia, South America (second from left), could be using the abacus to calculate the miles he traveled to reach AEB. Looking on are (from left) Lions International Director Dr. Jim Fowler of Little Rock; Lions International Director Tom Clewes of Sun City, Arizona, chairman of Lions International's International Understanding and Cooperation and Youth Exchange committee; and Hideyuki Eguchi of Fukuoka, Japan. Director Clewes and Mrs. Clewes visited AEB following his speaking at District Governor Bob Burn's conference in Springdale.



AN ESTIMATED 300 persons got their fill of catfish, shrimp, hush-puppies and all the trimmings in Wickes (Polk County) on August 30, when the Wickes Lions Club held their annual fish-fry. This year's event was held on the lawn adjacent to the Wickes Fire Station and was the Club's opportunity to show their appreciation to the community and to encourage membership in the Club.



MRS. JIM POE, president of the Jonesboro University Heights Lions Ladies Auxiliary, presented Dr. Jim Fowler, chairman of AEB's construction committee, a check for \$200 for the expansion fund during activities at District Governor J. P. Friend's Conference in Batesville.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Richard Oechsle (AEB '70) was the subject of a feature in the Rapid City, South Dakota *Journal* concerning his volunteer work with job corpsman at the Boxelder Civilian Conservation Center. Oechsle lost his sight in an automobile accident while attending South Dakota State University. He was a trainee at AEB for six months before returning to his school to earn a bachelor degree in agricultural engineering and later his master's. For a while he was the only volunteer counselor at Boxelder, but the story reports since his work began that six to eight other volunteers have started counseling at the center. Oechsle indicates he would like to combine agriculture and career counseling into a vocation.

Buddy B. Spivey of Little Rock (Professional trainee '71) has been named the Outstanding Disabled American Veteran of 1975. Spivey was blinded when he stepped on a land mine while serving as a Marine captain in Vietnam. Holding a commercial art's degree from the University of Arkansas before enlisting, he earned a master's in rehabilitation counseling at the University following two years at the VA's Rehabilitation for the Blind in Hines, Ill. He joined the Blinded Veterans Association's Little Rock office in 1973. President Ford presented the DAV's National Commander's Trophy to him in ceremonies at the White House. He was also honored by Governor Pryor at the State Capitol.



John Clapp

Meet the Staff

John Clapp, a native of North Carolina, has been employed at AEB since September, 1968, with the exception of a brief interruption of service due to active duty with Uncle Sam.

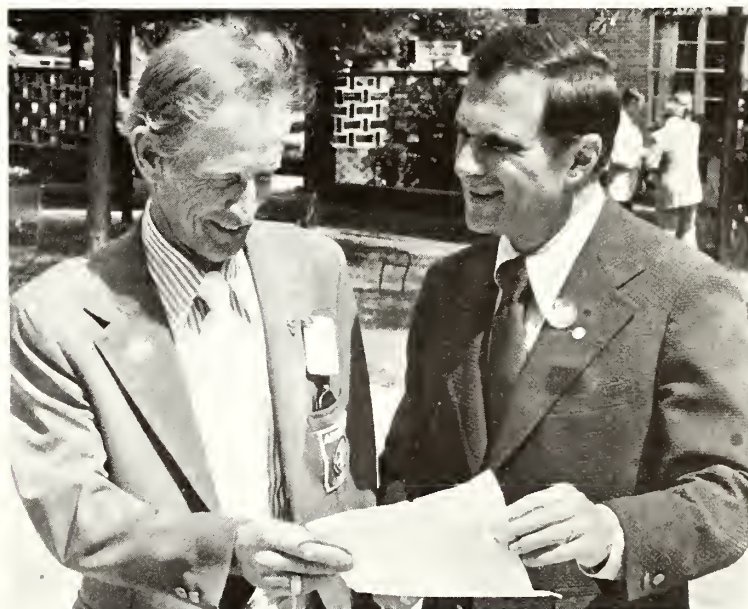
Now orientation and mobility supervisor, his first assignment was as an assistant instructor. Clapp was educated at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina, and earned his master's at Boston College in 1968.

He is a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, the National Rehabilitation Association, and the Oak Forrest Lions Club.

Lions Calendar

Dec. 17 — Pulaski County Lions Christmas Party for the Blind, AEB

Jan. 25 — Arkansas Mid-Winter Conference, Little Rock



WHITE CANE WEEK, October 6 through 12, was proclaimed by Governor David Pryor and the statewide proclamation was given to C. N. "Steve" Stephens of Jacksonville, White Cane chairman for Arkansas' 7,000 Lions. In his proclamation, the Governor urged Arkansans to support the work with the blind of the Arkansas Lions Clubs by wearing a white cane sticker.



GRADUATION CERTIFICATES were awarded AEB's recent Civil Service Information Specialist class during large group. Receiving certificates were from left (front row) Julia Helk of New Hyde Park, New York; Mary Reid of Portland, Ore.; Susan Donatacci of Port Reading, New Jersey; and Shannon Hurd of Seattle, Wash. Pictured in the second row are (from left) Art Goodwin, CSIS instructor; Mrs. Eloise Cain, U.S. Civil Service Commission; Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director; and Mrs. Mildred Morrow, U.S. Civil Service Commission.

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 Dr. B. G. Russell, Sr. by Crossett Lions Club
 Mrs. Grace Wood by Mrs. William R. Wilson
 Kendall Miller by Cherokee Village Lions Club
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 Joe Simpson by A. B. Warren, Mrs. Arch Haltom
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 Hazel Butler by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reed
 Martin Dreyfus by Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutstein
 R. B. Jones by W. H. Chapman

Western Union Adds Braillegram, Large-Print Messages For Blind

The more than 6.5 million blind and visually impaired Americans can now read their own telegrams, thanks to a new service installed during August by the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Officials of Western Union introduced the Braillegrams and the Large-Print Message by sending the first to Joseph E. Wiendenmayer of Chevy Chase, Md., an employee of the American Council of the Blind.

Wiendenmayer, a former State Department official, suggested the idea for the new telegrams to a Senate sub-committee last year.

The sub-committee proposed the idea to Western Union and the company responded with the new service.

Company officials said the cost of both services would be \$2 for the first 25 words and \$1 for an additional 25 words. The message will be routed electronically to special equipment at Western Union's Moorestown, N.J., facility.

There the special handling ends. The Braillegram and Large-Print Message will be sent out just like any other telegram — by regular mail.

BICENTENNIAL...

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If AEB is selected for Horizons on Display, it will be included in a publication planned for national and international distribution, inclusion on an annotated map for tourists, a photographic essay and promotional posters.

Selection would also mean that AEB would play host to an increased number of visitors during America's Bicentennial observance.

HUD anticipates naming the 200 achievements in November. Then we'll know how large a role AEB will play in kicking off our nation's third century.

Burl Baskins by Cherokee Village Lions Club

Asa T. Arrington by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitacre and Robertine McCaffrey
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Mrs. Leota O'Burke by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bang

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Robert V. White by Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Craig, Jr.

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William Alee Phillips by Mrs. Doris Thompson, David Word, Mrs. Ann Keathley, Mrs. Mary Gephardt

Services Held For Employee's Spouse

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 27 for Mrs. Myke Shank, wife of AEB orientation and mobility instructor Albert Shank, in the Griffin-Leggett Chapel.

Mrs. Shank died at St. Vincent Infirmary following a motorcycle accident that occurred Monday, August 25. The accident happened, according to the police, in the 3700 block of Kavanaugh Blvd., when Mrs. Shank apparently lost control of the motorcycle she was driving.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Shank is survived by her father, a brother and two sisters.

No one is denied services because of race, creed, sex, color or national origin.

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ANNOUNCING THE BICENTENNIAL BOWL to members of the Little Rock press were, from left, Jim Poe of Jonesboro, general chairman of the Bicentennial Bowl; Dr. Jim Fowler of Little Rock, director, Lions International; Roy Nix of Little Rock, AIC commissioner; and Dr. Charles Larson of College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, president of the AIC. Among the members of the press attending the news conference in AEB's board room were, extreme left, Herbie Bird of KLRA radio; and, extreme right, Rob Wiley, sports director, KARK-TV.

AEB Incorporator & Board Member Honored By School For The Blind

Dr. Guy Smith of Little Rock, one of the incorporators of AEB on August 23, 1939, was recently honored by the Arkansas School for the Blind when the school's new vocational building was named in his honor. He was a trustee of the school for 25 years.

Dr. Smith was AEB's fourth president, serving from 1949 until 1952, and is a lifetime member of the board.

Delivering the dedicatory address was Governor Pryor. Also

on the program were Dr. J.M. Woolly, superintendent of the school; and Judge Carneal Warfield, a trustee of the school.

Music for the dedication service, including the playing of the National Anthem, was provided by the school's band. Other entertainment was provided by a student's choir.

Following the address by Governor Pryor, guided tours of the new facility were provided the guests attending the event.

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of October 27, 1975)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Paid
District L	\$53,097.07	\$20,081.07
District I	11,097.00	5,915.34
District O	28,031.00	11,326.50
District N	15,081.56	8,825.03
District S	85,328.75	35,755.17
Other Pledges	25,320.92	19,179.42
Totals	\$217,956.98	\$101,082.53

Arkansas Lions Hosts The Bicentennial Bowl For AEB

Exciting football, Bicentennial pageantry and a patriotic salute to America will all be part of the Bicentennial Bowl on November 29, and its being made possible in part by the Lions Clubs of Arkansas.

The Lions will be joining with the Little Rock-North Little Rock Bicentennial Commission to sponsor the game at War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock between the champions of the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference.

Accepting the challenge of sponsoring the game, the Lions Council of Governors designated all proceeds from the event to go to AEB's Million Dollar Expansion Fund.

Jim Poe of Jonesboro was appointed by the Council as general chairman of the Lions Bicentennial Bowl committee. He called a news conference, covered by members of the Little Rock media, to announce the game and to name supporting committees.

Others taking part in the October 10 news conference were Dr. Charles Larson of College of the Ozarks in Clarksville, president of the AIC; Roy Nix of Little Rock, AIC commissioner; and Dr. Jim Fowler of Little Rock, director, Lions International.

Committee chairman named by Poe were Bob Moore of Little Rock, finance; Hoyte Pyle of Little Rock, program; Herman West of Searcy, printing; Jim Davis of Little Rock, publicity; Ernest Free of Wynne, parking; Brad Scott of Little Rock and Dr. Paul McCrary of Stillwater, Ok., Oklahoma coordination; Clarence Freeze of Jonesboro, ticket sales; and Jimmy Meyers of Hot Springs; trophies.

"We are looking at three possible ways of producing revenue during this activity," Poe says, ticket sales, program advertisement and perhaps a radio network to broadcast the game.

"Lions Clubs throughout the state are going to be selling tickets," the chairman reports, "with a number of other outlets possible — including numerous banks across the state, certain sporting goods stores, War Memorial Stadium's ticket office, the Lions state secretary office and AEB."

Tickets are \$3 each and the Lions Clubs will retain a dollar of each sale for sight conservation work. The remaining money goes into the expansion fund and actually doubles itself since it will be applied against state matching funds.

Advertising sales were expected to fill at least 64 pages. The

program ads were being sold state wide under the direction of the five district governors. Sales of the souvenir programs at the game will be handled by the Pulaski Heights Lions Club.

Pre-game and half-time pageantry will feature a patriotic theme in keeping with the bicentennial observance. The Colonial color guard of the 122d Army Reserve Command in Little Rock will present the colors before the game.

Half-time will feature a flag presentation of all flags that have flown over the United States and each state's flag according to the state's admittance to the union. Its anticipated that each participating school will be represented by its band, and local high school bands and various military color guards will be invited to participate.

Poe says he is anticipating a minimum of 20,000 tickets would be sold. "We are shooting for a much higher number, perhaps 40,000," the chairman predicts.

Dr. Jim Fowler points out the Bicentennial Bowl would be the largest fund raising project for the Million Dollar Expansion Fund by Arkansas Lions.

AEB President Hoyte Pyle of Little Rock says that with an outstanding effort the Lions Clubs could "go a long ways towards fulfilling their commitment of a million dollars for AEB."

The ball game is a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics special event.

Tickets

More than 50,000 Bicentennial Bowl tickets are available and there are more than 7,500 salesmen ready. All that's needed are buyers.

For a \$3 ticket the holder gets into the stadium for a football game and the Bicentennial half-time show. A few of the ticket holders will get a bonus, one of the valuable prizes that will be given to the lucky ticket holder whose ticket is drawn during the game.

One suggestion to increase sales that's been proposed is a youth project. A Club could arrange through the school for transportation to the game and then sale the tickets to the school's football team for \$2. The Club gives up its \$1, but the youth get to see a good football game and a patriotic half-time show.



Johnette Weiss

Meet the Staff

Johnette Bartholomew Weiss, a native of Marked Tree, Ark., has been employed at AEB since February 12, 1967.

She first came to AEB as a trainee in 1961, then earned her BSE from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, then returned to AEB as a professional trainee in 1966. Following this training she became a braille instructor, but now teaches abacus.

A member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the Arkansas Council of the Blind, Johnette has worked on fund raising projects for both organizations.

She is married to fellow AEB instructor, Jeffory. Among her hobbies she lists collecting curios as her favorite.

Bicentennial Bowl

WANTED: Two Football Teams

While Arkansas Lions and others are getting plans together and making preparations for the Bicentennial Bowl, there are several football teams in Arkansas and Oklahoma who are working hard to be included in the event.

However, only one from each state will qualify.

The picture of who the representative will be appears clearer in Oklahoma. There the East Central Tigers from Ada seem to have the conference crown wrapped up. The Tigers are perfect in their conference with only a November 15 date with Northwestern University at Alva remaining.

Northwestern, one of the Oklahoma Conferences' stronger teams last year, is this year's cellar dweller and does not appear to be much of a stumbling block for East Central, a team that has lost only once this year.

In Arkansas the story centers on two teams, Henderson and Ouachita, the cross-street rivals in Arkadelphia. Both were undefeated when this issue of NEW LIFE went to press and both were ranked in the NAIA's top ten — Henderson third and Ouachita

Book Reproduced For Five AEB Graduates

The five recent graduates of AEB's Small Business Management course got an extra bonus during graduation exercises for the course on October 16 — a Braille copy of "Light at the Tunnel's End."

The book, written by Leonard A. Robinson, concerns the Randolph-Shephard Act, the legislation that made possible vending stands operated by the blind in federal buildings.

While the presentation of a book to a graduate isn't unique, the fact that this book was embossed and bound at AEB does have significance. The embossing was done on AEB's 200-word per minute line printer.

Elmo Knoch, AEB technology specialist, reports the first copy required 40 hours to produce. "This included setting the type, programing, computer time and binding."

The second copy, and all additional copies produced at AEB, required only an hour. "It's obvious that setting the copy is big hang-up on time," Knoch said.

"Another problem we have is bulk," he added. The printer only embossed on one side of the paper, thus this book ran four or five volumes and around 270 pages. The book has 159 printed pages.

Knoch reported the current activity for the system is updating all the material for the CSIS course to provide immediate access to the information for the CSIS trainees.



FIVE AEB TRAINEES completed their work in the Small Business Management course in October. The future businessmen are, from left, Paul Hebert of Egan, La., Gary Steed of Bowden, Ga., Houston Stewart of Memphis, Tenn., Gary Jackson of Laramie, Wyo., and Clay Swinford of Paris, Ky. Also pictured are Mrs. Marion Biddle, the course instructor; and Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director.

AEB Mobility Instructor Wins Shetland Pony At State Fair

Does it pay to volunteer?

The answer might be according to how well you like horses, or at least Shetland ponies. Barbara Kaldis, AEB mobility instructor, volunteered to be one of the AEB staffers manning the Arkansas Society for the Prevention of Blindness' booth at the recent Arkansas State Fair.

While on the fairgrounds, she took a chance on winning a Shetland pony by making a donation to the Circle H Boys Ranch located in Perry County between Perryville and Lake Nimrod.

Beating the odds, whatever they were, Barbara won.

Even though she's a Texan, a native of Houston, owning a horse was a new experience for her. "I've ridden horses before," she says, "but I really haven't been around them that much."

Where to keep her new charge proved to be too much. Having no place in Little Rock to keep the pony, and being too far from her parent's farm near Schulemberg, Tex., Barbara has elected to put her prize up for sale.

At least volunteering led to an interesting experience.



DR. GUY SMITH of Little Rock, one of the incorporators of AEB, took part in the dedication services of the building named in his honor, the Guy Smith Vocational Building, at the Arkansas School for the Blind. Dr. Smith greeted long-time friends and acquaintances before the dedication.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Sylvia Ramirez (TSR '75), a member of the August, 1975, class telephoned TSR instructor Dan Dull from her job with the IRS in Seattle, Washington. She reports liking the city and her work. Readers of the Lions International Magazine may have seen Sylvia's picture, with Lions International President Harry Aslen, on the President's page of the October issue. The picture was taken at AEB during the Visiting District Governor's Day in August.

Friends of Jerry Ross (AEB '68) were saddened to hear of his death recently. He lived in Greenville, Miss. Jerry moved to Greenville after earning his journalism degree from the University of Illinois. He was the first voice heard on the air over WDDT. Jerry's blindness was caused by multiple sclerosis and he came to AEB in 1968. Following his training here, he returned to school at Delta State in Cleveland, Miss., to get a master's in guidance counseling.

Jouett Dailey III (AEB '75) of Dayton, Ohio, reports he is attending Sinclair College in Dayton and majoring in business. He says there are three other blind students on the campus and they each have a special tutor for their classroom work.

Richard S. Bentley (AEB '70) of Ada, Okla., operator of the Social Service Center snack bar in Ada, received a plaque from the Governor's Committee of Employment of the Handicapped. The citation, given by the Greater Kiwanians of Ada, cites Bentley for meritorious service and grateful appreciation for exceptional contributions for extending the opportunities for

Migel Medal For 1975 Announced

Douglas C. MacFarland of Washington, D. C. and J. Kenneth Cozier of Cleveland, Ohio received the 1975 Migel Medal from the American Foundation for the Blind on October 23 in New York City.

MacFarland, director of the Office for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, received the professional award. He has been active in work for the blind for over 30 years. He has worked for the Virginia, New Jersey and Delaware Commissions for the Blind and was a two-term president of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

Cozier, recipient of the layman award, has served on the AEB's Board of Trustees for ten years, and is a member of the boards of the Ohio Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Inc. and the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped. He is past president of the Cleveland Society for the Blind.

The AFB, a clearinghouse for information about blindness and a promoter of the development of educational, rehabilitation and social welfare services for blind and multi-handicapped deaf-blind children and adults, gave its 1970 Migel Medal to Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB. Dr. Kumpe's medal was presented to him by Mr. MacFarland.

handicapped citizens. In addition to manning a snack bar that serves 145 employees from 18 states or federal offices, Bentley is a board member of the Randolph Shepard Vendors of Oklahoma. He credits his work at AEB for his many accomplishments.



DIANE VAULTZ and her piano teacher, Elizabeth Ann Berg of Little Rock, practice on the piano in Pinkerton Hall for an hour each Wednesday afternoon. The piano was donated to AEB by Mrs. Polly James of Gallatin, Tenn., a former trainee.

AEB Trainee Learns To Play The Piano To Accompany Her Singing

Many visitors to AEB have heard Diane Vaultz sing, but if everything works according to her plans, the next time Diane sings in public she will be accompanying herself on the piano.

Learning to play the piano has been something that Diane, a native of Slidell, Louisiana, has always wanted to do. Now she is taking lessons in addition to maintaining her regular schedule at AEB.

Not only are the lessons a first for her, but they're also a first for her teacher, Elizabeth Ann Berg of Little Rock. "It's a new challenge for me," says her teacher, "but Diane's positive approach has made it much easier for me to work with her."

This isn't Diane's first attempt at musical training — she has previously had voice training. "This is a lot of fun," she says, "but takes a lot of practice."

"There hasn't been a problem so far that's been too difficult to overcome," reports Miss Berg, daughter of Fred C. Berg Jr., a charter member of the Forest Heights Lions Club in Little Rock.

Now a private music instructor, Miss Berg earned her music and elementary education degrees from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Diane, a graduate of the Louisiana School for the Blind in Baton Rouge, has entertained various groups of visiting Lions and has sung in AEB talent shows. "Music is something I like," she says.

Lions Calendar

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Jan. 25 — Arkansas Mid-Winter Conference, Camelot Inn, Little Rock.

May 26 — Lions State Convention, Hot Springs

June 23 — Lions International Convention, Hawaii



FIVE STAFF MEMBERS from the Jewish Community Center of New Orleans' Project Independence, a project serving the blind and visually impaired of New Orleans, recently visited AEB for a three-day training session. Those attending were, from left, Kathy Lichtenberg, Eva Cummins, Joseph Dover, Lola Liren and Cathy Glaser, the project's coordinator.



RECENT INDUCTEES to the Order of the Silver Cane were Dr. and Mrs. Earl Dotson of Richmond, Va. Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB, pins the lapel pin that signifies membership on Mrs. Dotson while her husband looks on. In the background are the wall plaques that lists those who are members of the Order — contributors of \$500 or more to AEB.

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International Director Dr. Jim Fowler's Schedule for November

Nov. 19 — 55th Anniversary, Galesburg Lions Club, Galesburg, Ill.
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Directors and Staff

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind



LOUIS RIVES, seated right, meets the press after the announcement of his appointment as administrator of the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired by Governor Pryor, seated left. Standing are members of the OBVI advisory committee. From left, Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB; Dr. Mayne Parker, ophthalmologist; E. J. Hall, Arkansas Association of Blind Business Enterprise Managers; and Dr. James M. Fowler, committee chairman. Mrs. Rives looks on and David Ray, director, Social and Rehabilitative Services, stands behind her.

Two Arkansans Will Serve NAC In Key Positions of Leadership

Two Arkansans were elected to serve in leadership positions for the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped (NAC) during the Council's recent annual meeting in Little Rock.

Louis H. Rives, Jr. of Little Rock, recently appointed administrator of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired by Governor Pryor, was elected president and Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB, was re-elected to a three-year term on the board of directors.

Rives was the director of research and staff development at AEB until his appointment to the state position on November 7.



DR. GERALD FISHER, president of Garland County Community College, delivered the main address at NAC's dinner meeting at the Camolet Inn.

Rives, who is blind, served on the national commission that first developed comprehensive standards for the management and services of agencies for the blind. These standards are now administered by NAC.

He assisted in the establishment of NAC and is serving his third term on its board.

Kumpe is a long-time supporter of NAC. Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind was among the first rehabilitation centers to be accredited by NAC and recently was re-accredited for a five-year period. AEB is only one of two NAC members in Arkansas.

Altogether those attending NAC's annual meeting elected or re-elected 12 directors. They were also called on to replace two directors who had resigned. One of those replaced was Dr. Bob Riley of Arkadelphia, a professor of political science at Ouachita Baptist University, who cited his school load as his reasons for resigning from the board prior to his term expiring.

Principal speaker at NAC's dinner was Dr. Gerald Fisher of Hot Springs, president of the Garland County Community College. Also addressing the almost 100 persons attending the dinner were Little Rock's Mayor George Wimberly and Daniel D. Robinson of New York City, outgoing president of the Council.

Earlier in the meeting, David Ray, director of the state Social and Rehabilitative Services, addressed NAC's membership.

Pryor Appoints Louis Rives To OBVI Post

Governor David Pryor named Louis H. Rives, Jr. of Little Rock, director of Research and Staff Development at AEB as administrator of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired on November 7.

Rives replaces Harry D. Vines.

Participating in the announcement with Governor Pryor were David Ray of Little Rock, director of the state Social and Rehabilitative Services; and members of the Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired Advisory Committee.

Rives, 56, blind since the age of two, attended the Perkins School for the Blind for three years, graduated from the Norfolk, Va., school system in 1937; and earned his A.B. and J.D. degrees from the College of William and Mary.

In 1943 he went to work on the staff of the General Council of the Federal Security Agency with close association with the Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

He joined the staff of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in 1947, where he worked with the program for the blind and other general rehabilitation projects. He was also responsible for helping to develop and negotiate the state plans for vocational rehabilitation under the 1954 Vocational Rehabilitation Act.

Rives served as assistant chief of the Division of Services to the Blind in the Vocational Rehabilitation Administration. In June, 1959, he was promoted to the position of chief of that division and in 1964 became planning consultant in the Office of the Commission of Vocational Rehabilitation.

During 1965 he was detailed to the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare where he had responsibility in coordinating the Department's program for securing compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act from all state agencies. In 1968 he became acting director, Operations Division, Office for Civil Rights, and in September of that year he became director.

He ended his 30-year federal government career in 1974 and joined AEB that year.

Rives, in his third term as a member of the board of directors of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped, was elected president of the Council on November 13. In 1974 he was appointed as a member of the advisory committee to the National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults.

In July of 1969 the American Association of Workers for the Blind presented Rives with the Shotwell Memorial Distinguished Service Award for his leadership in developing new programs for the blind and in strengthening the effectiveness of the Association. In the same month, he received the President's Award of the Great Pittsburg Guild for demonstrated leadership in improving the quality of service to blind people.

In April of 1974, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Caspar Weinberger presented Rives with the Certificate of Merit for outstanding service to the government of the United States.

Rives is a member of the Park Plaza Lions Club.



ROY KUMPE, right, executive director of AEB, speaks before the assembled delegates of NAC. Also at the head table were, from left, Daniel D. Robinson, past president of NAC; Morton Pepper, board member; Louis H. Rives, Jr., NAC's new president; and Mrs. Billie Elder, president of the Arkansas Council of the Blind and the Arkansas Chapter of the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

AEB's Service Advisory Council Holds 27th Meeting In November

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's Service Advisory Council held its 27th annual conference on November 3 and 4 with six states represented at the gathering. The council is composed of state directors of rehabilitation agencies for the blind and former AEB trainees.

Vernon Broussard of Baton Rouge, La., director, Louisiana Service for the Blind, was chairman of the conference.

Primary mission of the conference was to make recommendations of new services and how to improve present services, better communication between AEB and the state agencies, and exchange of ideas between the council and staff.

Improving the communication was one of the topics discussed at a

dinner meeting at the Alamo Plaza restaurant. Also on the agenda was a report on AEB's activities during the year by Roy Kumpe, executive director.

On the conference's second day reports of vocational training at AEB were given by Louis Rives, director, research and staff development; Deborah Waller, vocational instructor; and Duane Balentine, director, vocational services.

Jim Cordell, director, adjustment services, presented AEB's professional and consultive services; Jim Mowrey, deaf-blind specialist; Otto Turner, chief, psycho-social services; and Amy Pais, Coordinator, trainee services, addressed the council on special services.

Elmo Knoch, technology specialist, reported on technical developments at AEB; and Dr. Larry Dickerson, director of the University of Arkansas' master's degree program for orientation and mobility, and rehabilitation teachers; spoke about his program.

Those taking part were Bob Bradford, research and planning consultant, Tennessee Department of Public Welfare; Jules Cote, director, New Hampshire Services for the Blind; Dr. Larry Baker (former trainee), University of Missouri — St. Louis School of Business Administration; Charles W. Freeman, chief, Missouri Bureau for the Blind; Buddy Spivey (former trainee), Blinded Veterans Association; Jerry Nichols, Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired; Travis Harris, director, Oklahoma Division of Visual Services; and Broussard.



TWO MEMBERS OF THE Service Advisory Council, Jerry Nichols (left) and Vernon Broussard, listen to a report from a member of AEB's staff. In the background is the map used during the Taxpayer Service Representatives report that indicates locations where AEB's trainees are employed.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas

The Park Hill Lions Club recently presented a check to AEB's Million Dollar Expansion Fund totaling \$19. The money represented fines collected by Tail Twister Bill Hubbard.

One of Arkansas' newest Lions Club, the Pleasant Valley Lions Club in western Little Rock, participated in its first Lions Club project, White Cane Week, and netted \$220. Too new to make pledges to the state projects, the members turned in the total amount to the Lions Sight Conservation committee with the recommendation that all be credited to the expansion fund. Club president is Dr. William Casey.



THE LION TAMERS, Lions Ladies Auxiliary in Pulaski County, embroidered tactile American flags for the Arkansas School for the Blind. Mrs. Dicki Shepard, Lion Tamers president, presents a flag to a student while Owen Curry, Jr., president of the Pulaski Heights Lions Club, looks on.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

M. B. Merrell by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Searcy

W. E. Bale by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mrs. Julian Apple and Dr. J. M. Fowler

R. H. Pryor by W. H. Chapman

Al Rose by Mrs. Al Rose

Frank Ragland by Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wood

J. W. Feree by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Mrs. Lena Bridges Simms by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Dr. James Allen, Sr. by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Mrs. Pearl Blackwood by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Henry Massanelli, Sr. by Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club

W. H. Roberts by Oak Forest Lions Club

Mr. J. I. Dodd by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Marshall

Mr. Dan Barton by Mrs. W. D. Holiman

Sec. of State Kelly Bryant by Mr. and Mrs. Jess Odom, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, and Dr. J. M. Fowler

Edwin D. Fortune by Cherokee Village Lions Club and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graves

Mrs. L. M. Hawkins by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Mrs. Bruce Hammock

Edwin Lee Baxley by Dr. J. M. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Tom Ames by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Walter McClelland by Mr. and Mrs. John E. Latimer

A. C. Brown, Jr. by Ft. Smith Evening Lions Club and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Mrs. Opal Bloodworth by Cherokee Village Lions Club and Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Graves

Miss Josephine Collie by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Goodrum

Mrs. Ella Reemes by Miss Mildred McCulloch and Dr. Barton W. DuKett & Family

C. E. Jackson by Allagean and Mildred Lorince

Mrs. M. F. McKamey by Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Shaw

Burl Baskins by Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Graves

George Britton by Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Graves

Dr. Deane Wallace by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Mrs. Guy Smith by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr., Mrs. Harrel W. Mulkey, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mrs. C. E. McCoy and Emmett Hoffman

Mrs. L. P. Fricke by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

Mrs. Herb Fishburn by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

Mike Lorince by Miss Lila Lampkin, Dr. J. M. Fowler and Mrs. Martha O. Blakney

R. G. Puddephatt by Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley

Inez Crabtree by Tom Sain

E. T. Fowler by Tom Sain

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Gary Johnson (AEB '66 and '70, TSR '71) has been employed as a rehabilitation counselor for the blind by the Ohio Bureau for the Blind in Cincinnati. He has already sponsored a trainee to AEB and plans to sponsor another for AEB's college preparatory course.

Faith Decker (AEB '68) Stanfield and her husband, Rex, are the parents of a boy born last April. Faith's home was Lansing, Mich., when she was in training at AEB, but now resides in St. Louis.

Two former AEB trainees now living in Little Rock, Jim (AEB '65) and Mary Janet Blencowe (AEB '69) Hudson, are the parents of a girl.

Ann Johnston (TSR '75) of Lexington, South Carolina, was married in her home town on November 28 to Ralph Felix (TSR '75) Antonetti.

Master's Degree To Be Offered By UALR In Orientation and Mobility

Beginning with the spring semester, the University of Arkansas will offer a master's degree program designed to train professional workers for the blind. This is a course long supported and desired by AEB staff members.

Dr. Larry Dickerson of Little Rock, a member of AEB's service advisory council, has been appointed program director.

A big boost to starting the program was received in the form of a grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration, secured by Louis Rives, then AEB's director of research and staff development.

The program will provide training in two areas of critical need for institutions serving the blind in Arkansas and the nation. The areas are orientation to blindness and mobility instruction, and rehabilitation teaching. It is expected that many students will do their internship at AEB or the School for the Blind.

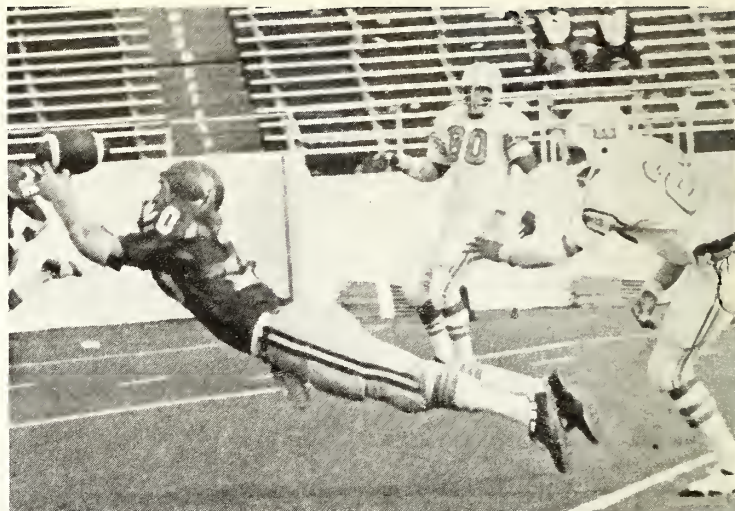
The new program is endorsed by both AEB and the School for the Blind, and the Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind, and the state Office for the Blind and

Visually Impaired. Support for the program also has been received from rehabilitation agencies in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Missouri.

Administrator of the program will be the Arkansas Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, a program co-sponsored by the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and the Division of Rehabilitation Services, state Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services.

The curriculum for the orientation and mobility specialist part of the program will include introductions to vocational rehabilitation and counseling techniques; the philosophy of education; the psychological and medical aspects of blindness; braille and other communication methods, and other courses.

The part of the program for training rehabilitation teachers will have a curriculum which includes many of the same courses, also training for supervised practice in rehabilitation teaching, and a course in leisure time activities for the visually handicapped, and others.



OUTSTANDING FOOTBALL, such as that pictured above with Henderson's Mark Pilcher making a desperate dive to catch a pass, was the rule and not the exception during the Bicentennial Bowl. Sponsored by the Arkansas Lions Clubs, with proceeds going to AEB's Million Dollar Expansion Fund, the game drew an estimated 3,500-plus fans to see the AIC co-champion Henderson defeat East Central University of Ada, Okla., 27-14. Bowl general chairman Jim Poe of Jonesboro, indicates it will be several weeks before it can be determined how many tickets were sold and the amount of proceeds from the game.

Lions Foundation Grants AEB \$4,936

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind received a grant of \$4,936 from the Lions International Foundation of Oak Brook, Ill.

Hoyte Pyle, AEB president, received notice of the grant from Dr. Jim Fowler, director, Lions International and a foundation trustee.

Mr. Pyle said the grant would assist AEB in providing scholarships to train persons from other countries to work with the blind and visually impaired in their country. Currently two professional trainees — Hideyuki Eguchi of Fukuoka, Japan; and Mrs. Veronica Ezejiofo of Enugu, Nigeria — are at AEB.

Two other blind trainees, Sylvia Roose of Antwerp, Belgium; and Luis Pena of Cali, Colombia, South America; are receiving regular training at AEB. (Miss



DR. JIM FOWLER (left) and **Hoyte Pyle** admire the check totaling \$4,936 from Lions International Foundation, Inc. that will provide training scholarships for four foreign trainees.

Roose is the daughter of a charter member of the first Lions Club in Belgium.)

Eguchi is receiving orientation and mobility training and Mrs.

International Director Dr. Jim Fowler's Schedule

- Dec. 28 — Peach Bowl, Atlanta
- Jan. 16 — District 5-M-1 Conference, Bloomington, Minnesota
- Jan. 25 — Arkansas Mid-Winter Conference, Camelot Inn, Little Rock
- Feb. 1 — District 38 Conference, Norfolk, Nebraska
- Feb. 6 — 25th Anniversary, Jackson, Mississippi
- Feb. 7 — District 30-A Mid-Winter Conference, Corinth, Mississippi
- Feb. 10 — 1st Anniversary, Cliff Pierce Lions Club, Memphis, Tennessee
- Feb. 13 — District 5-M-8 Conference, Alexandria, Minnesota
- Feb. 19 — Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Committee, New Orleans

Ezejiofo is receiving training in personal management and educational services. Both are taking courses at UALR.

Pyle said both would remain in this country one year.

The Lions International Foundation, Inc. is supported by the Lions Clubs of Arkansas.

Lions Calendar

- Jan. 25 — Arkansas Mid-Winter Conference, Camelot Inn, Little Rock
- May 26 — Lions State Convention, Hot Springs
- June 23 — Lions International Convention, Hawaii

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Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Paid
District L	\$53,695.25	\$21,227.57
District I	11,372.00	6,690.34
District O	28,443.00	12,775.50
District N	15,101.56	8,915.03
District S	86,830.76	40,295.17
Other Pledges	25,251.61	19,135.11
Totals	220,694.18	109,032.72

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Harry Aslan and Arkansas Lions Prepare For Mid-Winter Muster

An estimated 500 Arkansas Lions representing Multiple District Seven will gather January 25 in Little Rock's Camolet Inn for their annual Mid-Winter Conference with Lions International President Harry Aslan of Kingsburg, Calif., as principal speaker.

President Aslan, a rancher and independent fruit packer, will be making his second appearance in Arkansas since being elected president of the world's largest service club last summer in Dallas. In August, he was AEB's special guest during its annual Visiting District Governor's Day.

The Pulaski Heights Lions Club in Little Rock is hosting the conference. H. Clarence Freeze of Jonesboro, chairman of the Council of Governors, will call the conference to order.

The business session will include various reports from state projects, committees, the International Director, and the District Governors. Concurrent with the session will be a Leo Club

members meeting and special entertainment for the ladies.

Activities will end with a banquet address by President Aslan. The visiting Lions will be welcomed to the city by City Councilman Jim Dailey.

Oswalt Reports On Sight Conservation

Arkansas Lions' Sight Conservation work now totals \$74,803 for the first six months, according to committee chairman Nyle B. Oswalt of Helena.

These totals break down into districts: District 7-L, \$15,613; District 7-I, \$11,785; District 7-O, \$11,825; District 7-N, \$11,010; and District 7-S, \$17,898.

Total amount reported for White Cane Week, October 6 through 12, by chairman Steve Stephens of Jacksonville, is \$6,653. This is \$1,798 for District 7-L, \$832 for District 7-I, \$660 for District 7-O, \$697 for District 7-N, and \$2,666 for District 7-S.



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS of mobility instruction ended December 31 when Oliver Burke hung up his white cane in retirement. He spent his last schedule hours working with Betty Mahan of Coweta, Okla. There's a story on Page 2 about Mr. Burke.

Wills Are Building New Lives For Blind

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind continues to benefit from the trust established by the wills of people who wanted to provide for the continuing growth of AEB as a rehabilitation center for the blind and visually impaired.

During this past year four trust provided almost \$77,000 of income to AEB, according to a report to the board of directors by Charles R. Shelton of Little Rock, AEB treasurer.

The largest trust was that established by former trainee, Mrs. Grace Pinkerton, a staunch supporter of AEB since her days as a trainee in 1953. Pinkerton Hall was named in her honor. Mrs. Pinkerton died August 23 in Little Rock and distribution of her trust was made on October 31.

Distribution of the trust amounted to 1,000 shares of American Telephone & Telegraph Company stock valued at \$53,875, and cash totaling \$12,176.76.

A second trust that produced income to AEB during 1975 was the one created by the will of Charles T. Engwer of Hot Springs. AEB shares this trust with two other institutions with all three receiving equal, semi-annual payments from the income. The payment in June amounted to \$4,556.03.

Mr. Shelton points out that as long as this trust remains in the hands of the trustee, it will continue to make payments indefinitely.

AEB received a distribution

from the Helen R. Kahn Endowment of \$998.20. This trust was established by Sidney Kahn in memory of his wife. A fourth trust naming AEB as one of its beneficiaries is the Faustine E. Rossi Trust established by the will of the late Little Rock restaurant operator. This bequest distributed \$270 to the rehabilitation center at its last distribution.

Mr. Shelton pointed out in his treasurer's report how important this income would be for the continued services to the blind that's provided by AEB. He urged everyone to continue this support of AEB and to continue the program of public information and education that has resulted in many of these requests.

Facts About Wills

One of the most important things concerning a will is keeping it up to date. Below are several checks that should be made periodically:

— Have you moved to another state since making your will?

— Does it have a common disaster clause?

— Is your executor still living?

— Does it use available opportunities to reduce your estate taxes?

— Have the needs of your beneficiaries changed?

— Is it now possible to consider a bequest to the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind?

Bequest to AEB may take any number of forms. A direct

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DAVID RAY [right], director, state Social and Rehabilitative Services, was the guest speaker at the December Trainee Banquet. Trainees playing major roles included [at left] John Morris of Little Rock, small business management trainee who gave the invocation; and Ken Orriss of Norfolk, Va., a pre-vocational trainee who served as master of ceremonies.

25 Years At AEB

Oliver Burke Retires

Almost 25 years after he came to AEB for a six-month trial, Oliver Burke, orientation and mobility instructor, finally left via the retirement route.

"Dr. Kumpe and I had an understanding before I started, because I wasn't sure what I could do," Burke remembers. "We agreed that I would work here for six-months and if either of us felt it wouldn't work, we'd speak out and that would end it."

It worked very well, as many will testify.

According to Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, there's no doubt but that Oliver Burke has helped more blind persons to achieve independent mobility than anyone, anywhere.

Amazingly, he got into mobility work almost through the back door.

After war wounds that left him with a very restrictive vision and a couple of attempts at working in furniture stores that didn't work out, he returned to Arkansas State Teachers College (now University of Central Arkansas) after an absence of 20 years from school and almost against his will.

"The veterans Administration worked out for me to have reader service, so I agreed to try school again. They also helped get in touch with Dr. Kumpe after

graduation and that's when we worked out the six-month trial.

"I started in August, 1951, but really didn't get involved in mobility work until 1952. Much of my knowledge about mobility came from Dr. Jerry Dunham of Topeka, Kansas, then director of training at AEB, and from recording the Springmill Conference that was held in Indiana.

"I would play the conference recording over and over until I had it memorized. I introduced the touch technique, making an arc with the cane, at AEB after learning of it from the Springhill conference. Much of what was included in that conference came from Dr. Richard Hoover of Baltimore, founder of the modern technique of orientation and mobility."

Mr. Burke doesn't feel his work has hampered in any way because of his limited vision. "I did a better job because I understood the problems and fears of a blind or partially sighted person."

After 25 years, Oliver Burke and his favorite hat will not be seen downtown or around 2811 Fair Park teaching mobility to a blind trainee. But there are thousands of blind persons across the United States, and in some foreign countries, who owe their independent mobility to Mr. Burke.

Meet the Staff

Ernest Gephardt, who completed nine years at AEB on November 22, is the supervisor of work evaluation at AEB.

A native of Colorado, he finished high school in Little Rock before serving four years in the Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He earned his B.S. degree in mechanical arts from Kansas State College of Pittsburg, Kan., in 1957 and taught vocational and printing courses at Little Rock Central High School for five years. He later taught art and mechanical drawing at the Arkansas School of Business.

Gephardt has done graduate work at Kansas State College of Pittsburg, Kan.; North Texas State, Denton, Tex.; University of Central Arkansas, Conway; and Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.; in counseling and work with the blind.

He lists hunting as his favorite hobby and has put in 10 years of Boy Scout work. He earned the Scouter's Key, a scoutmaster's award for his work. He also spent several years in the restaurant and grocery business.

Ernest is only half of the Gephardt team at AEB. His wife, Mary, is a dorm supervisor.



ERNEST GEPHARDT

International Director Dr. Jim Fowler's Schedule

- Feb. 1 — District 38 Conference, Norfolk, Neb.
- Feb. 6 — 25th Anniversary, Jackson, Miss.
- Feb. 7 & 8 — District 30-A Mid-Winter Conference, Corinth, Miss.
- Feb. 10 — Cliff Pierce Lions Club, Memphis, Tenn.
- Feb. 13 — District 5-M-8, Alexandria, Minn.
- Feb. 19 — Lions International Constitution and By-Laws Committee, New Orleans
- Mar. 5 — District 5-C-N, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada



MEASURING A MILE OR A METER . . . the Lions of the Bentonville-Bella Vista club are ready. Introducing the metric stick are [from left] Dick Molter, club president; Buster Lewellen, Bentonville mayor; John Riordan, Bella Vista Property Owners Association president; J. Fred Smith, originator of the metric stick; Dr. Jim Fowler, director, Lions International; and Bob Burns, District 7-L governor.

Metric Sticks Now On Sale From Advertise Arkansas Committee

If the metric system is really coming to America, then the Bentonville-Bella Vista Lions Club in District 7-I have prepared for the change.

And for \$1, you can be ready.

That's the cost of the "White Cane Metric Stick" now being marketed throughout the state, and nation, by the Advertise Arkansas Committee. The metric stick has a conversion table from the standard U.S. Customary Unit of measurement to its metric counterpart.

The Bentonville-Bella Vista Lions Club got the jump on

everyone because one of its members, J. Fred Smith of Bella Vista, was the originator of the stick. He got the idea while attending the Lions International convention in Dallas.

The stick is white, a symbol of the Lions sight conservation program, with the current American system printed in blue and the metric system printed in red. The stick has conversion tables for length, distance, weight, liquids and temperature.

There's one stipulation for clubs that undertake selling the metric sticks in their community. One stick must be provided for each classroom of their local school as a service project.

International Director Dr. Jim Fowler of Little Rock, a special guest at the introduction of the sticks in Bentonville, said he was pleased to have a part in the introduction of this Lions project, especially since it came from Arkansas. He pointed out that the metric stick would be available for all clubs to sell, which means a potential sales force of 1,100,000 members from 147 countries.

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bequest, a trust fund (similar to the one established by Lion Isador Scrinopskie of Little Rock for the benefit of AEB), a bequest of property; or a bequest could be made to AEB for a specific purpose as designated in the will.

No matter how a bequest is stated, the distribution will enable the rehabilitation center to continue its growth and improve its services to the blind and visually impaired.

Pioneer For Blind Employment Dies

Joseph Francis Clunk, 80, a pioneer in government programs to promote employment of blind workers, died recently at his home in Baltimore.

Clunk traveled to Little Rock in May, 1947, to be the speaker at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's first dedication. The rehabilitation center was known as the Adjustment Center for the Blind at that time.

He was the first chief of the Division of Services to the Blind in the old Federal Security Agency, the predecessor of the Department of HEW. The division was established after passage of the Randolph-Sheppard Act in 1936.

In 1949, Clunk received the Shotwell Memorial Award of the American Association of Workers for the Blind and was elected president of that organization in 1955.

Bell Hires Two Former AEB'ers

Southwestern Bell of Arkansas is opening up several jobs for the blind and AEB-trained Ann McDaniel and Jack McSpadden are filling the first spots.

One opening is the TSPS board, traffic service position system, that handles long-distance calls placed by customers who require the service of an operator. Miss McDaniel will move to this board when the especially-equipped "interface" is approved by Bell Laboratories and supplied to the Arkansas affiliate.

Local officials expected this to have been completed by early January.

Until its installation, Miss McDaniel was working as an operator on the company switchboard.

The hiring by the telephone company culminates several years of effort by AEB to place blind employees with Southwestern Bell. A barrier to all the efforts has been the equipment needed for a blind person to perform the job competitively.

And would the alternations interfere with the company's computer operation?

Elmo Knoch, former technology specialist at AEB and one who believes these jobs will open hundred of others for the blind in the Bell system, was convinced all technical problems could be overcome.

He also knew where to go with the problem — George Dalrymple, an engineer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston. Dalrymple has for years applied his engineering expertise to solving problems for the blind.

He tackled this problem and came up with a way to convert the flashing lights on the TSPS board to a series of buttons, and then worked out a way to tie the "interface" to the TSPS board. Bell Laboratories approval is the final barrier.

"It's strange how things work," Knoch says, "but the personnel staff from the Little Rock office identified two other jobs they feel the blind can perform while they were working with AEB on this job."

To Bell Telephone, hiring blind persons is more than meeting the requirements of the law governing employment of handicapped persons. According to Carl Woodyear, personnel director, it's a new source of employees who have demonstrated in the past they can be counted on to work hard, are unusually loyal and reliable. AEB's role is to provide whatever help is needed during the training period for the new employees. AEB, too, has demonstrated its ability to perform this mission.



ANN McDANIEL, seated, gets a familiarization briefing about the TSPS board from one of Southwestern Bell's long distance operators. This is the type board Miss McDaniel will be working with when the new Interface is delivered from Bell Laboratories and installed in Little Rock.

McSpadden's Hat Hangs In Personnel

While Ann McDaniel was settling into her new role with the Bell system, Jack McSpadden, AEB's first TSR trainee graduate, moved into Bell's personnel office in Little Rock as a personnel interviewer.

Since joining the telephone company on December 1, McSpadden has been conducting pre-screen or initial interviews. He will soon be attending an interviewers school for one week, a school that all personnel people attend. After the school, he will conduct follow-up interviews and offer available jobs, in addition to his present duties.

"So far," McSpadden reports, "we have run into a lot of stumbling blocks, but nothing that has not been overcome."

His work involves interviewing applicants for all types of jobs with the telephone company. He questions the applicant, in person or over the telephone, and types the answers on a prepared form. It's very important and essential that he put the answers in the proper space.

To be sure of getting this right, he memorized the form and set the tabs of his typewriter after his wife, Donna, AEB orientation and mobility instructor, lined out the form with an instrument that embosses similar to braille.

Of course I have had lots of help from the personnel staff, McSpadden added. L. B. Lantz, employment office manager; Arthell Moore, Jr., employment office supervisor; and the office secretaries have given me a great deal of help, he said.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Benny Meier (AEB '66) has been awarded a meritorious service citation by the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped in Oklahoma for his work as an X-ray film processor at the Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Hospital. Meier, 32, who began losing his sight in high school, joined the VA Hospital in 1967.

Ralph Sanders (AEB '65) of Little Rock has been named

executive director of the Blind Industries and Services of Maryland in Baltimore. The agency was founded in 1908, serves Maryland and operates workshop and vending stand programs; and provides evaluation, prevocational and vocational training.

Patricia Richards (TSR '74) reports that in addition to her regular job assignment as Taxpayer Service Representative with the IRS in Van Nuys, Calif., she conducts TSR classes among the other staff members, preparing them to help with the overload that occurs during the income tax filing period. Tish, as she is known, was a holiday visitor to AEB.

The staff of AEB very much appreciates the many Christmas cards received during the holidays. Cards arrived at AEB from almost every state and several foreign countries. Also, AEB was visited during the holidays by many former trainees, far too many to report in *New Life*.

Herb Gleason (AEB '62) of Albuquerque, New Mexico, was among four federal employees from the Albuquerque-Sante Fe area recently honored for their outstanding contributions to their work. Mr. Gleason, a dictating machine transcriber in the Veterans Administration regional office, was selected top handicapped employee. Blind since seven because of congenital glaucoma, he was cited as a very capable typist who turns out letter-perfect work. In addition, he was a member of the Governor's Committee of Employment of the Handicapped and has assisted many blind people in their adjustment to work.

Kumpe Travels To Colombia, Takes Part In Latin American Conference

Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB, was one of five Americans who attended the recent Latin American Congress, in Bucaramanga, Colombia, co-sponsored by the Latin American Committee for the Blind and the American Foundation of Overseas Blind.

Kumpe, a resource person at the Congress, took part in several areas of the program. He met with the commission on rehabilitation, spoke to the general conference on the programs of the International Services for the Blind, an affiliate of AEB, as a source for professional training, and spoke before a seminar on services of a comprehensive rehabilitation center.

"This was a very successful conference," reports Mr. Kumpe, "and I feel it will have an impact on education and rehabilitation for the blind throughout Latin

America."

Sixteen nations attended the Congress. They created six commissions on standards for the following areas: education, rehabilitation, orientation and mobility, psychology, social work and prevention of blindness.

Vice-chairman of the Latin American Committee for the Blind and host to the Congress was a former AEB trainee and currently a member of the ISB board of directors, Dr. Herando Padilla, director of the National Institute for the Blind of Colombia.

Also involved in the conference were Harold Robert, executive director of the American Foundation of Overseas Blind; and Roy Rusk, its director of rehabilitation. Both are from New York.

Keynote speaker was Dr. Richard Hoover of Baltimore, founder of the modern techniques of orientation and mobility.



DENNIS SMITH, a recent Optacon trainee at AEB, works with the machine with help from Mrs. Marion Biddle, Optacon instructor.

Optacon Training At AEB Helps Sears Employee In Daily Work

His goal is to have a larger amount of material available — manuals and computer printouts — independently. His method is the Optacon. His place of training was Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

That's why Dennis Smith of Memphis, Tenn., a personnel coordinator with Sears, Roebuck Company for almost seven years, recently spent two weeks at AEB. He went away reading slower than he had hoped, but knowing that with practice he would be able to independently read the printed material that crosses his desk during a business day.

"A salesman first told me about the machine," Dennis recalled, and suggested I contact AEB. I did and arranged for this two-week session.

"Really I expected to learn to read fast enough to meet my needs, but after getting acquainted with the Optacon, I knew that it would take a lot of work."

Having been totally blind for 11 years, but possessing a knowledge of letter shapes, Dennis was asked if that helped him with his training. "Yes, I think so," he answered, but pointed out that an Optacon salesman had told him

they had better results with people who had never read before.

Dennis' blindness is caused by congenital glaucoma. He attended the Tennessee School for the Blind through the ninth grade. He graduated from Howard High School in Nashville in 1964 and earned a degree in sociology from Memphis State in 1969.

He was the first totally blind person to go to work for Sears in the Memphis region. He says he is aware of several other blind persons among Sears' 250,000 or more employees.

"Reading is important in my work," he said, "I deal 99 per cent with employees — counseling, training and information. I'm willing to practice and work to become proficient in using the machine."

"Reading with the Optacon progresses in steps," according to Mrs. Marion Biddle, Optacon instructor. "You begin with single letters, and advance to syllables, then words and finally to complete phrases." Many readers can read 80 words per minute after the first year.

That's Dennis' goal, even if it takes some of his time away from picking the guitar or banjo.

ISB Represented At International Women's Conference By Mrs. Elder

The International Conference to Consider the Situation of the Blind Women in the World was held last fall in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and Mrs. Billie Elder was there. It was sponsored by the World Council for the Welfare at the Blind.

Mrs. Elder, then educational supervisor at AEB and now an instructor in the University of Arkansas' new master's degree program for rehabilitation teachers, was sponsored to this follow-up of the International Conference on Women held last June in Mexico City by the International Services for the Blind, an affiliate of AEB.

"The conference was a beginning," reports Mrs. Elder, "a focusing on the needs of blind children and women around the world. And that's a start towards correcting the injustices that the blind women in some countries must live with."

The conference, which drew 170 delegates from 37 countries, spotlighted two major areas of need among the blind. One was the lack of trained workers and the other was the knowledge and expertise to help the blind develop socially.

"Many delegates," Mrs. Elder says, "stated in their presentations of papers, and in private conversation, that many blind persons have good academic backgrounds and communicative skills, but cannot be placed in jobs because of 'social inadequacies.'"

Although not a part of the program, Mrs. Elder asked for and was granted time before the conference to describe AEB and ISB. "I was mobbed by delegates wanting more information about our rehabilitation center."

Two outstanding papers presented involved "The Blind Woman in the Urban Society," given by Mrs. Alma Murphy of St. Louis; and "The Blind Woman in the Rural Society," given by a delegate from Africa.

Mrs. Elder lists two areas of the conference that were painful — one was learning that in many

parts of the globe that superstition about the blind is still prevalent and the other was that females in many countries are left to rehabilitate themselves because their families feel they can no longer fulfill the roles assigned them by their culture.

"My major disappointment," she adds, "was that the United Nations, perhaps the only international agency that can bring about an awareness of the problems experienced by blind women around the world, was not represented at the conference."

National Investors Name Ed Barry To Be Honorary Director

Edward G. Barry, Sr. of Little Rock, a member of the AEB board of directors since 1947, was recently named honorary board member of the National Investors Life Insurance Company. Mr. Barry served as a director of National Investors 18 years.

Mr. Barry, a vice president and director with the S. M. Brooks Advertising Agency, has served as president of Lions International, International Services for the Blind, and Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

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District N	15,165.56	9,064.03
District S	85,091.76	46,721.67
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Camden Lions Club Celebrates Its Fiftieth Year In Lionism

A large number of Arkansas Lions, joined by Lions International President Harry Aslan of Kingsburg, Calif., helped the Camden Lions Club observe its 50th anniversary on January 24 in Camden.

An estimated 150 Lions, their wives, and friends of the club, including two chartered buses from Little Rock, gathered in the Camden Senior High School for a dinner and address by Mr. Aslan.

The Camden Lions Club is one of the oldest in Arkansas, having been chartered December 11, 1925. Charter president J. Bruce Sweet, a Camden attorney, attended the anniversary program.

Also taking part during the anniversary were Charles H. Bradshaw of Camden, club president; Dr. Jim Fowler of Little Rock, director, Lions International; Jim Gunter of Hope, district governor of 7-L; and Edward G. Barry of Little Rock, past president of Lions International.

The Camden Lions have

established an outstanding record of growth and achievements. It had the largest number of members in attendance at its first district Lions convention, held in Texarkana, April, 1926. The club has been host to two state conventions, 1930 and 1956.

First major project of the club was the organization of the Camden Boys Band that later became the Camden High School Band. The club sponsored a project to buy an electric elevator for the Old Camden Hospital. The elevator continues in use.

Camden Lions were the first to sponsor a vending stand for a blind operator in the Ouachita County courthouse. The club considers its greatest work to be the support it has given the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and the Eye and Kidney Bank.

There are now 64 members in the Camden Lions. The club has furnished eight district governors. Over the years the Camden Lions have helped charter five other clubs.



THE CAMDEN LIONS CLUB paid all their pledges at once. Secretary-Treasurer Bill Humphries hands AEB President Hoyte Pyle a check for the AEB pledge, then gave International Director Dr. Jim Fowler the Club's "Million Dollar Expansion Fund" pledge, and gave Bob Shepard [hidden by Lion Humphries], AEB's business administrator, the Club's pledge to the Eye and Kidney Bank. This activity occurred during the Club's 50th anniversary observance.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT Harry Aslan holds the ceramic Lion statue presented to him by International Director Dr. Jim Fowler on behalf of the trainees at AEB. The Lion was made by an AEB trainee in the work evaluation area and given before the more than 600 Arkansas Lions and others attending the Mid-Winter Conference.

Arkansas Lions Mid-Winter Conference Draws 600-plus

Arkansas Lions welcomed International President Harry Aslan back to Arkansas with the largest Mid-Winter Conference ever assembled.

Owen Curry Jr. of the Pulaski Heights Lions, host club for the conference, reported more than 600 attended the January 25 meeting in the Camelot Inn. This included Lions, their wives, Leos and special guest.

Culmination of the conference was the main address by Mr. Aslan. He also spoke to those attending the business meeting held earlier in the day.

The weekend for Mr. Aslan was a series of events that included a trip to Camden for that club's 50th anniversary, attending several committee meetings, and the business session of the Mid-Winter Conference before the banquet that night. Mrs. Harry Aslan accompanied her husband during the visit to Arkansas.

This was a return trip to the state for the international president. He previously was a guest during last August's Visiting District Governor Day at AEB.

The business session, chaired by H. Clarence Freeze of Jonesboro, chairman of the Council of Governors, was packed with

reports from state projects, committees, the international director, and the district governors. Hoyte Pyle of Little Rock, president of AEB, participated in the business session by giving a summary of AEB's activities.

Special guests during the banquet were Little Rock City Councilman and Mrs. Jim Daily, who welcomed the visitors to the city, and Lt. Gov. and Mrs. Joe Purcell of the Benton Lions Club, who presented Mr. Aslan with an "Arkansas Travelers" certificate.

The international president also received other gifts from Arkansas Lions, including: a razorback rug made by Past-District Governor Thad Rowden of Fayetteville, a metric stick given by its originator, J. Fred Smith of Bella Vista; and a Lion statue, made in AEB's work evaluation area, given by AEB trainees.

During his address before the Lions, Mr. Aslan stressed the activities of Lions around the world. He related experiences from his travels as international president to stress the good work Lionism is doing and the many friends that are being made.

Arkansas Lions will next assemble in Hot Springs for the state convention, May 28.

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Don K. Puska

Meet the Staff

Don K. Puska of Little Rock is Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's new technology specialist, replacing Elmo Knoch who resigned in mid-December. Puska joined AEB on January 9.

Don is a native Little Rockian and graduated from Little Rock High School, now Little Rock Central. He served five years in the U.S. Air Force.

Prior to joining AEB, Puska was a programmer and a systems analyst with Systematics, Inc. of Little Rock for seven years. Before that he was employed as a computer engineer for International Computer and Tabulator, an English company, in Edinburgh, Scotland, for seven and a half years.

Currently he is serving as 3rd vice-president of the Park Plaza Lions Club.

Outdoor activities, with emphasis on camping, and workshop activities, with emphasis on woodworking, are his hobbies. He and his wife, Charnell, have two sons, Charles, age seven; and Brian, seven weeks.

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DR. JIM FOWLER'S SCHEDULE

March 5 — District 5-C-N, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

March 11 — Council of Governors, Hot Springs

March 12 — Lions International Foundation, Oak Brook, Ill.

March 14 — Lions International Board of Directors, London, England

March 27 — District 27 Convention, Stevens Point, Wis.

April 3 — District I-J Convention, Rosemont, Ill.

April 5 — International Services for the Blind Annual Meeting, Little Rock

April 10 — District 17-SE Conference, Newton, Kan.

April 24 — District 18-A Assembly, Marietta, Ga.

Glover Garners The Ed Barry Award

Lawson E. Glover of Malvern was presented the Edward G. Barry Award as the Arkansas Lion of the Year for sight conservation and humanitarian services.

The awarding of the plaque was made by Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Barry of Little Rock during activities of the Arkansas Lions' Mid-Winter Conference in Little Rock on January 25. Mr. Barry is a past president of Lions International.

Mr. Glover was nominated by the Malvern Lions Club. He was cited by the Club for his 13 years of perfect attendance and his 22 years of membership. He is a past president of the Malvern Club.

He served as president of AEB in 1974 and is currently serving on AEB's board of directors.



PAGING A STAFF MEMBER or a trainee to the telephone is one of the many duties handled by Belinda Turner as she independently operates AEB's switchboard. Miss Turner completed her AEB training on February 27.

AEB Vocational Training Prepares Missouri Trainee For Occupation

It has been just over two years since Belinda Turner of Marston, Mo., lost her sight completely. Today she is ready to embark on a career in spite of her handicap.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Turner is ending ten-months of rehabilitation training at AEB. It was here that she learned her new vocation, plus receiving other rehabilitation training—such as braille, mobility, the abacus, personal counseling and independent living.

Miss Turner graduated in 1967 from Lilbourn High School near Marston and experienced a continuing decrease in vision until she was totally blind. Unsuccessful efforts were made to halt the glaucoma that led to her total loss of sight.

Early in her training at AEB, Miss Turner developed an interest in the switchboard and receptionist training that's offered to those trainees who express interest in this area of vocational training.

"I started on the switchboard on June 1," Miss Turner recalls. Up until that time her training at AEB dealt with braille, abacus and mobility training.

She worked under the guidance of AEB's regular switchboard operator, Mrs. Dorothy Sutton, a former trainee. After learning the extensions, how to switch calls and page persons to the telephone, Miss Turner began operating the switchboard independently.

During Mrs. Sutton's vacation, Belinda handled the switchboard completely, except when schedule.

"This has been wonderful training for me," she says, "and I feel I have the ability and the confidence to work anywhere as a switchboard operator and receptionist."

That opinion is also shared by Mrs. Amy Pais, CRC, coordinator of trainee services. "Belinda has done very well and will undoubtedly do well on a job. She has always demonstrated poise and handles each situation with ease."

However, Belinda will admit it hasn't always been easy. "Keeping up with which staff members are in meeting was difficult at first. And the most embarrassing thing is to accidentally disconnect a call. I know I'm not the first operator to do this, but it's hard to explain to the person when they call back."

While AEB is losing a switchboard operator and receptionist trainee who has filled the position admirably when called on, some firm or office has gained an efficient and loyal employee.

Lions Calendar

May 28 — Lions State Convention, Hot Springs

June 23 — Lions International Convention, Hawaii

August 28 — Visiting District Governors Day, AEB



A RECENT STAFFING at AEB concerned a client from Tennessee and involved a former AEB trainee. Leroy Duff of Nashville, Tenn. (right), regional supervisor, Tennessee Services for the Blind, was at AEB during 1966. Also pictured are, at left, Sam Smith, counselor, Tennessee Services for the Blind; and Jim Mowery, deaf-blind specialist at AEB.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Veronica Hawe (AEB '74) a native of Korea, has announced the opening of her Centre D'Arts Ceramique De Verdun, a ceramic art works that includes classes in ceramics, in Verdun, Quebec, Canada. Miss Hawe was a professional artist before she began losing her sight. She was encouraged to work in ceramics while at AEB and many of her works were used as door prizes or presented to visitors on special occasions. Several pieces of her work remain at AEB.

Vicky Parker (College Prep '75) of Gonzalos, La., was a weekend visitor to AEB recently. She is attending Northeastern Louisiana University of Monroe, La.

Lue "Sis" Heath (AEB '67) was the subject of a feature story in "The Looking Glass," a tabloid published in Hatfield, Ark. (Scott County). The event leading to the feature was her 71st birthday. The Mena resident, although her home was originally Big Fork (Polk County), related the events that led to her coming to AEB and discussed the training she received.

AEB Receives Thanks

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind received a letter of "thanks" from the New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., of Short Hills, New Jersey, for AEB's contribution of eyeglasses.

According to their letter, the organization packaged and redistributed to medical missions in countries such as Ghana, Tanzania, Zaire, Zambia, the Philippines and India, over 65,000 pairs of eyeglasses.

AEB forwards approximately three boxes of eyeglasses each year to the organization. These are eyeglasses collected by Lions Clubs and other groups for AEB.

Again this year a box will be provided at the Lions state convention in Hot Springs for the collection of eyeglasses for this project.

Ohio Vision Center Is 59th For NAC

There are now 59 agencies and schools accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

The latest accreditation was extended to the Vision Center of Central Ohio in Columbus. Louis Rives, president of NAC and administrator of the Arkansas Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, announced the accreditation on December 31, 1975.

In Arkansas, AEB and the Arkansas School for the Blind are accredited members of NAC.

DHEW Extends AEB Grant By \$100,000

The Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind received a \$100,000 grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (DHEW) in mid-January.

This was the fourth extension of the grant.

Originally designed in 1973 to train Civil Service Information Specialists for the U.S. Civil Service Commission, the project was expanded last year to train blind persons to fill a variety of information expediter jobs in private industry.

Early results of the project, entitled "Project With Industry," includes identifying three jobs with the Southwestern Bell Telephone company (see February, 1976, NEW LIFE), and a program demonstrating the feasibility of training blind information service specialists to access computer-stored data through synthetic speech.

A six-month test, involving three AEB-trained information specialists working in Philadelphia, is utilizing an electronic speech system developed at Michigan State University. The test involves using information stored in the Federal Data Bank in Macon, Ga. AEB will evaluate the results.

It is estimated that at least 20 blind persons will be placed in expediter jobs this year through the project. "This is due to the cooperation, which we appreciate, between those participating in the project, including the Little Rock and Washington Offices of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, and the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired," says Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director.



ORDERING PIZZA? No, Louis Rives (right), administrator of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, is just making conversation with AEB's Vortrax speech synthesizer. Helping is Dr. John Eulenberg, a research professor at Michigan State. The Vortrax is being used in the computer-stored data project with the Federal Data Bank in Macon, Ga.

'Horizons On Display' Includes AEB In Listing For Bicentennial Salute

Americans seeing their country during this Bicentennial year will find AEB on their itinerary if they follow the suggestions of the "Horizons On Display" literature.

That's because AEB has been included in the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Bicentennial tribute to community achievement.

It was made official January 29, although Senator Dale Bumpers' office had notified AEB earlier of its inclusion in the project, when AEB's Executive Director Roy Kumpe took part in a national news conference in Washington D.C. AEB is one of three programs in Arkansas — the Ozark Folk Culture Center and the Data Bank for Migrant Student Record are the others — and one of 200 across the nation to be included in the project.

AEB can expect to see an increase in the number of visitors to the rehabilitation center, including some foreign visitors, who will be getting their first look at a rehabilitation center for the blind and visually impaired. It will also be the first time for many of them to see a Lions Club project of this scope.

A slide presentation on the Horizon on Display's program has been prepared, including several slides about AEB, and will be displayed at each participating agency. This display will include a photographic essay, promotional posters, and literature about all the programs in the project.

Lions, AEB friends, trainees and staff will also want to visit the other areas listed on the "Horizons On Display" literature. This exchange of ideas is one of the aims of the program.



ROY KUMPE (center), executive director of AEB, shows Past International Director and Mrs. Harold Pocklington of Rochester, Mich., the map that indicates the 22 foreign countries that AEB has served. Mr. Pocklington is executive director of Leader Dogs for the Blind, a Lions Club project, and recently toured AEB's facilities.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

- Salvador Franco-Urias by Dr. J. M. Fowler
 Mike Berg by Jess Odom Buick
 Mrs. Lester DeStefano by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mashburn
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C. T. Meyer Sr. Dies

Charles T. Meyer Sr. of Little Rock, founder and chairman of the board of Meyer's Bakeries, Inc., died January 26 in Little Rock.

He was a member of the Little Rock Founders Lions Club for almost 45 years, having joined the club in April, 1931. He served the club as president, 1940-41.

Mr. Meyer was chairman of the first fund-raising campaign for AEB, a drive that raised \$200,000 for construction of the first modern buildings for the rehabilitation center.

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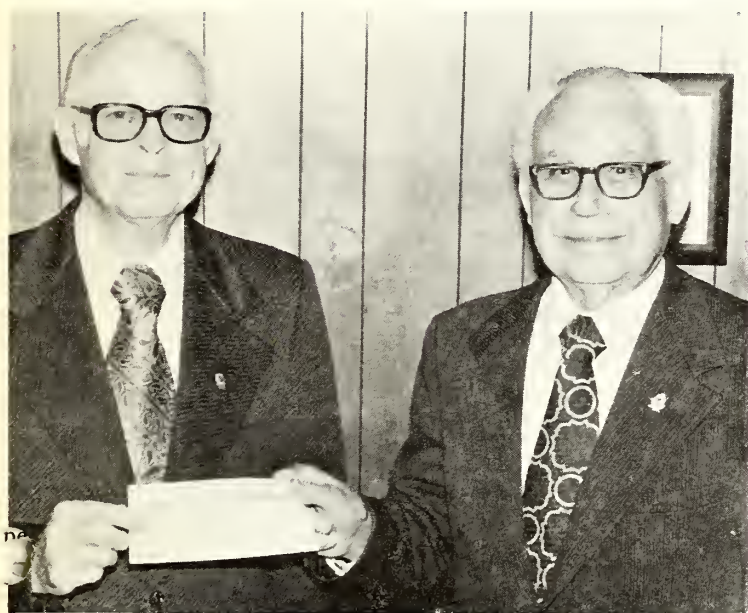
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AEB DIRECTOR Charles C. Price of Mena [right] had good news from the Polk County Quorum Court for AEB, a \$1,000 check for the building program. Accepting the check is Hoyte Pyle, president of AEB.

Newly Named AFB Director Of Research Spends Week At AEB

Marvin Berkowitz, newly named director of research at the American Foundation for the Blind, spent a week at Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind as part of his orientation to his new job. His

first three days were rather unusual.

Having never had any contact in work with the blind, Dr. Berkowitz felt he could learn faster if he went through the actual experiences of entering AEB and meeting schedule as a trainee — wearing a blindfold.

Before ever seeing AEB, he put on his blindfold and arrived at the rehabilitation center just as any trainee would. He went through the routine admission process, was assigned a room in the dormitory, was given an orientation tour and then entered schedule.

He remained under the blindfold through Wednesday evening. Before returning to New York, Dr. Berkowitz participated in a staff meeting where he shared his experiences with AEB staff members.

"This experience was worth more than reading 50 books," he

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Marvin Berkowitz

Board Names Jim Cordell Ass't. Executive Director

Jim Cordell, who has been filling in as AEB's assistant executive director for several months, was named to that post by the board of directors at their Feb. 25 meeting. He succeeds Vernon Metcalf.

Cordell is going on his 16th year at AEB, having first joined the staff as a mobility instructor in 1960. He served as orientation and mobility supervisor, coordinator of trainee services and director of personal adjustment services before assuming the new position.

Prior to coming to AEB he coached at Midway, Ark.

He is a native of Beebe, received his B.A. in psychology from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and his masters in orientation and mobility from Western Michigan State University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

During his tenure at AEB, he has been called on by Memphis State University, Memphis; Stephens F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Tex.; and University of Central Arkansas, Conway; as a consultant to their orientation and mobility training programs.



Jim Cordell

Cordell is past-president of the Little Rock Southwest Lions Club, a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, and the National Rehabilitation Association.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Ann Young of Oklahoma City, and they have one son, Michael.

AEB Starts The 26th Taxpayer Service Representative Course

Eight blind or visually impaired trainees from seven states have entered Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's 26th Taxpayer Service Representative course.

Completion of the five-month course prepares the trainee to accept employment with the Internal Revenue Service in any one of the services' 56 offices in the United States. Since the course started in 1967, 159 persons have successfully finished the training.

Each TSR trainee was required to demonstrate before an admissions committee, composed of IRS personnel officers and AEB staff members who work with the program, their abilities for independent mobility, good mathematical skills, reading and writing in braille if totally blind, accurate typing, plus a pleasing personality and good use of the telephone.

Those enrolled in the course, and their home town, are: Jerry Kindig of York, Pa., Jim Stanga of Covington, La., Dan Deslatte of New Iberia, La., Ken Orris of Norfolk, Va., Don Gough of Philadelphia, Ernest Worthington of Marshall, Texas, Stuart Russell of Seattle, Wash., and Stan Partridge of Nashville, Tenn.

This is the only program of its type training the blind or visually impaired for employment as taxpayer service representatives for the IRS.

Lions Calendar

May 28 — Lions State Convention, Hot Springs

June 23 — Lions International Convention, Hawaii

August 28 — Visiting District Governors Day, AEB

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of February 24, 1976)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Paid
District L	\$54,020.25	\$28,015.88
District I	11,502.00	7,732.84
District O	28,953.00	14,602.50
District N	15,165.56	9,174.03
District S	84,396.76	50,514.17
Other Pledges	49,544.77	43,532.27
Total	\$243,582.34	\$153,571.69



A SHOPPING TRIP to the West Department Store in the Village Shopping Center was recently arranged for deaf and blind trainee Margaret Reeves. Helping her with her selections were, from left, Hank Ashcraft, store manager and a member of the Southwest Lions Club; Margaret, Jim Mowery, AEB's deaf-blind specialist; and Mrs. Mattie Reeves, AEB's grooming instructor. Lion Ashcraft allows AEB trainees a discount on their purchases.



TWO PERSONS WITH Colombian backgrounds recently met at AEB. AEB trainee Frida Aizenman (left) of Los Angeles is a native of Columbia S.A., but has lived in the U.S. for several years. Richard Rheder of Dallas, Texas, is a Peace Corp volunteer serving in Colombia. Richard visited AEB to learn more about working with the blind. His assignment in Colombia is working in that government's agency for the blind.

Sustaining Membership Letter Attracts 'Very Good' Response

The response to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's 1975 membership letter, mailed last December, was the best percentage returns ever for sustaining members.

Of the 1,500 letters mailed, all within Arkansas, to persons who have been steady contributors and supporters of AEB over the years, 539 have responded to date with contributions totaling \$8,653.53.

According to Lila Lampkin, AEB administrative assistant, sustaining membership letters are mailed once a year. Each contributing membership receives *New Life* and a membership card.

Miss Lampkin adds that the sustaining members come from varying backgrounds and have many different reasons for being

interested in AEB. "Many of this year's contributions were in addition to the givers building program donation," she says.

Sometimes the contributor wishes to remain anonymous, such as one case this year. AEB received a \$10 contribution from a sustaining member that didn't have a name.

"It wasn't an accident or oversight," says Miss Lampkin, "we receive gifts like this on occasions."

Sustaining membership contribution records are kept and a contributor can find out the support he has given AEB through the years.

The next sustaining membership letter will be mailed in December, 1976.

Deaf-Blind Trainee Completes Training With Shopping Spree

During February Margaret Reeves was shopping on perhaps the biggest shopping trip of her life. Nothing unusual about a shopping trip, except that Margaret is deaf and blind and perhaps a year ago she wouldn't have been interested in such an endeavor.

From Bon Aqua, Tennessee, that's near Nashville, Margaret trained at AEB for a year. Her progress was termed "phenomenal" by Jim Mowery, AEB's deaf-blind specialist.

"She had had very little formal education, approximately two years," says Mowery, "and when she arrived at AEB she was unable to meet her grooming needs, didn't know the parts of her body, couldn't tell time, and was very limited socially because she couldn't conduct a conversation with another person.

"Margaret had never worked, nor had she ever been away from her family," he adds.

"Now," he says, "she has a vocabulary on the sixth or seventh grade level, not only tells time but is very conscience of time and keeps on schedule with a braille watch, and is polished in other skills, such as reading and writing grade one braille, housekeeping, personal grooming and similar areas.

"Perhaps her greatest change is the number of friends she made while at AEB and how much she enjoyed being with the other trainees. Now she laughs where before she wouldn't," Mowery points out.

AEB has been involved in deaf-blind work since 1971 and has been designated as a regional satellite of the National Center for Deaf-Blind Youth and Adults. The Deaf-Blind are offered the

same training as other AEB trainees, plus auditory training, one and two-hand manual alphabets and sign language.

Last fiscal year AEB served 16 persons who were both deaf and blind trainees.

Margaret demonstrated her new independence just before leaving AEB by working several weeks at the Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind. She indicated to Mr. Mowery that she was very pleased to work and was very happy with the opportunity. "Mostly her communications was in a happy smile," he says.

Mowery points out that her future is much brighter now. "Margaret will probably go to work in a sheltered workshop in Nashville to gain experience and might live in a semi-independent environment, such as a boarding house. The long range goal is for Margaret to work competitively and live completely independent."

All this is what made her shopping trip so special.

Dr. Grace Napier Visits AEB Center

AEB's program of training professional interns before they go into the field working with the blind or visually impaired was visited by one of its consumers, Dr. Grace Napier, professor of special education at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley.

Dr. Napier's primary interest was in the areas of rehabilitation teaching and personal management. During her three-day visit at AEB she visited these areas. She works in the area of the visually impaired at the University and sponsors students doing their internship.



SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Osceola Lions Club and their wives recently visited AEB. They were given a tour of the facilities and were entertained by several trainees during a break. As far as can be determined, this Arkansas club traveled the farthest of any club to visit the rehabilitation center. Richard Milton is president of the club.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas

The Booneville Bicentennial Committee held a George Washington Birthday party and the Booneville Lions Club played an active role. The Lions' booth gave away punch and the Lions invited Jim Davis to set up the AEB exhibit, distribute literature and answer questions. An estimated crowd of more than 400 attended the event on Feb. 16. Dale R. Dempsey is president of the club.

The Little Rock Founders Club observed its 60th anniversary during its regular meeting Feb. 18. Part of the program was an oral history presentation, in 20-year segments, about the club's years since organization, Feb., 1916. George Rose, a club member for 56 years, spoke on the first 20 years, Jim Robinson spoke on the middle 20, and Junius Holmes discussed the final 20. Brad Scott is president of the club.

On February 3, the Little Rock Founders Club met at AEB. Ninety-three persons, including Lions and their wives, attended the meeting. On Feb. 17, the Lonoke club met at AEB. Approximately 23 persons attended and heard AEB trainee Ken Orris from Norfolk, Va., speak on his training.

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claimed. "It would be a very good learning experience for anyone who had never worked in this field and needs to gain some experience quickly."

Among the other observations he made, he reported that he was fooled by the size of the campus — he thought it was much larger while blindfolded, that it took him much longer to do things and move about, although he said using the white cane gave him a great deal of confidence, and that the loss of body language was very critical in his listing to conversations.

"I really appreciate the staff's and the trainee's interest, good attitude and help," he added. "I felt I could put my complete faith in them."

Following his three day experience, he remained at AEB the balance of the week to observe the programs he had experienced earlier under the blindfold. He also visited AEB's vocational training area for a look at courses AEB has developed, and spent a short time at the State School for the Blind.

AEB Remembered By Moore Estate

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind has received a \$4,500 bequest from the estate of S. Howard Moore of Little Rock, former owner of the 7-Up Bottling Company of Little Rock, according to an announcement by Hoyte Pyle, president of AEB.

Mr. Moore was a former member of the Pulaski Heights Lions Club and a long-time friend of AEB.

According to the estate's executor, this is only a partial payment and the final accounting should increase AEB's share of the Moore estate.

This is the first bequest AEB has received in 1976.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Mrs. Audrey Dexter (AEB '64) has moved to 1145 Village Grove Dr., Apt. 923, Elk Grove, Ill. 60007, from her home in West Fork, Ark. Prior to returning to the Chicago area, Mrs. Dexter called AEB to express her gratitude for the training she received at AEB. She believes this training will enable her to rapidly adjust to her new surroundings.

AEB was saddened to learn of the death of Earl H. Meyers (TSR '74) of Minersville, Pa., on Christmas Day, 1975 of a heart attack. He was a member of the Jan., 1974, TSR class and was employed in the IRS office in Philadelphia.

Jimmy Jordan (College Prep '75) of Baton Rouge, La., now attending Southwestern Union College in Keene, Texas, wrote AEB to report on his first semester. He had special thanks for AEB's staff for his training. He reports above average grades, no problems getting around campus and he is learning to travel about the neighborhood.

International Director Dr. Jim Fowler's Schedule

- April 3 — District I-J Convention, Rosemont, Ill.
- April 5 — International Services for the Blind Annual Meeting, Little Rock.
- April 10 — District 17-SE Conference, Newton, Kan.
- April 24 — District 18-A Assembly, Marietta, Ga.
- May 1 — District 20-S Convention, Islip, New York.
- May 7 — District 2-X2 Convention, Tyler, Texas.
- May 20 — Multiple District 11 Convention, Lansing, Mich.
- May 28 — Arkansas State Convention, Hot Springs.

One Plus One

Even Calculators Talk

It's beginning to seem as if everything has something to say — even calculators.

Although their official moniker is audio response calculator, most people simply refer to them as "talking" calculators.

AEB recently purchased one for its Taxpayer Service Representative class, and several members of the current class, after seeing and hearing a demonstration by company representatives, have purchased their personal machines.

The AEB machine performs eight functions — addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, square root, percentage and reciprocal — plus speaks 16 words.

Of course AEB isn't a stranger to talking machines, not with the recently-installed Votrax machine, located in the computer room, speaking with a completely mechanical voice. But only those skilled in computer work can make the Votrax speak.

According to company representatives, and the brochures they carry, this isn't the case with the audio response calculator. Anyone who can push a button can make the calculator speak.

"We are always watching for special aids for the blind that will help our trainees do a better job or improve their skills for competitive employment," says Roy Kumpe, AEB executive director, "that's why we have made this machine available."

Even though the calculator does speak the instructions it receives, then speaks the correct answer, it also has a large lighted visual display that provides good visibility for those partially sighted. It also features an ac-

cumulative memory, floating and fixed decimal point, and an ear plug for those who don't want to disturb others in the room.

According to Dan Dull, TSR instructor at AEB, everyone using the calculator reports "it's a big help." "I cannot see why it wouldn't be a tremendous asset," Dull adds. "After all a calculator is an asset to a sighted person."

Democrat Features TDL Grooming Work

Today's Women, a feature section of each Sunday's Arkansas Democrat, devoted its February 15 front page to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

The feature included a story about three trainees and their training in the personal grooming section of AEB's Techniques of Daily Living, with two color pictures, and a story about Mrs. Billie Elder's trip to the International Conference to Consider the Situation of the Blind Women of the World in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, with a single picture.

AEB's involved were Carroll Matthews of Muskogee, Okla., Jodie Dunphy of Grotten, Conn., and Ellis Hines of Johnson City, Tenn. Also interviewed were Mrs. Mattie Reeves, who teaches grooming, and Mrs. Mary Alice Blythe, who teaches cooking.

(It might be stretching the point to include Mrs. Elder with AEB, however, before joining the graduate program in rehabilitation teaching at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock as an instructor, she was an AEB trainee and supervisor of educational services.)

Democrat writer Susan Fountain authored the article.



DIALOGUE, aired by KARN and KYKK radio stations every Sunday morning, recently featured an interview with several AEB personnel. Discussing the role of International Services for the Blind, an AEB affiliate, with moderator Bob Van Court, were (from left) Mrs. Vernocia Ezejiofo of Nsukka, Nigeria, partly hidden by the microphone; Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB and ISB's executive vice-president; Sylvia Roose of Antwerp, Belgium; and Hideyuki Eguchi of Fukuoka, Japan.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

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 Tom Smitley by Mr. Henri P. Barre and Mrs. H. P. Barre
 Dr. C. Lewis Hyatt by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt
 Jess Matthews by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
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AEB Also Has Happy Occasion Card For Other Contributions

Many users of AEB's memorial program feel it's only appropriate to use at the time of someone's death. That's not true.

Contributions can be made in honor of someone on any one of many happy occasions. A list of those special occasions could grow very lengthy, but a few suggestions are birthdays, anniversaries, get well, the birth of children or grandchildren, and special days in someone's life.

These contributions are included in the same accounting as those given in the memory of someone, but the card mailed to the one being honored is very different. This card reads, "As an expression of love in honor of..."

The name of the person being honored is included, the occasion and the person making the gift. This is mailed to the person being honored.

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While these gifts usually are small, they do combine with our sustaining membership contributions to account for three percent of our annual income.

A gift can be arranged, either a memorial or a happy occasion, by contacting AEB's administrative office.

Latest CSIS Class Graduates Seven Information Specialists

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's sixth Civil Service Information Specialist class completed its training on February 13 and all seven graduates are now on the Civil Service Commission payroll.

This brings to 41 the number of graduates who have successfully completed this training. Their job assignment with the federal government is one of providing job information concerning federal employment to applicants making inquiries by telephone.

The course runs four months and was started at AEB in 1973.

The new graduates, their home towns and the city where they will now be working are: Leslie Bond of Dallas, San Antonio; Frida Aizenman of Los Angeles, San Diego; Mary Balcerowski of Milford, Conn., Hartford, Conn.; Sandy Bennett of San Antonio, Dallas; Shana Hathaway of Washington D.C., Washington D.C.; Theresa Huncherick of

Warren, Ohio, Syracuse; and Kathy Millhoff of Jamestown, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio.

AEB, the only rehabilitation center for the blind and visually impaired offering this type of training, cooperates very close with the state and federal Civil Service Commission and the state rehabilitation agencies.

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AEB's VOTRAX, the speech synthesizer, was connected to the U.S. Civil Service Commission Data Bank in Macon, Ga., recently. Listening to the Votrax response were [from left] Roy Kumpe, AEB; Elise Nelson of Washington D.C., the U.S. Civil Service Commission; Don Puska, AEB; Otto Turner, AEB; and Dr. John Eulenberg, a research professor at Michigan State University.



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Lions Set First Week In May For Sight Services

The week of May 3 through 7 has been designated Lions Sight Service week, a week when many central Arkansas Lions will explain their work with the blind to their community and allow their neighbors the opportunity of joining this work.

Many central Arkansas Lions Clubs will be participating in the week's activities — emphasizing services available to blind and visually impaired persons in Arkansas, and conducting fund raising projects to support their sight conservation and rehabilitation projects.

Primary fund raising effort will be the neighborhood light bulb sale. Clubs placing their orders with ISB, national distributor of light bulbs for Westinghouse Lamps, also aid the scholarship fund for foreign trainees at AEB that's provided by the brokerage fee ISB receives.

Both state projects of the Arkansas Lions, the AEB and the Eye and Kidney Bank, benefit first from this effort, but the Lion's home community eventually shares in the fund raising projects.

Local club activities, such as purchasing eyeglasses for needy school children and other eye care programs, are financed by these light bulb sales. Local communities also benefit when local citizens are given rehabilitation training at AEB, or they use the services available from the EKB.



JESS ODOM, president of International Services for the Blind, opened the organization's fifth annual meeting on April 5. Mr. Odom was re-elected to a third term as president during the business meeting.

Lions International Foundation Donates \$3,000 To Cabot Lions

Dr. Robert Rogers came to Arkansas to participate with the International Services for the Blind's annual meeting, but he didn't come empty handed.

The director of the Lions International Foundation in Oak Brook, Ill., brought along a check for \$3,000 and presented it to Dr. Jim Fowler, who in turn handed the check to Fred Campbell of Cabot, president of the Cabot Lions Club.

The check was for tornado relief activities by the Cabot Lions Club.

Later in the ISB board meeting, Dr. Rogers expressed the philosophy, "whatever good work an international organization undertakes, must be designed to meet community needs on the community level."

ISB Board Holds Fifth Annual Meeting At AEB

The International Services for the Blind's board of directors were given a list of 15 applicants pending for ISB scholarships by J. M. Woolly, chairman of the scholarship committee, and heard the committee report that six were planned for admission to AEB.

The directors, meeting April 5 at AEB, approved this report and others during the morning session that was devoted entirely to business discussions. In the afternoon, the directors heard a panel of five discuss the problems of blind persons on the international level.

During the fifth annual meeting of ISB, the directors re-elected Jess P. Odom of Little Rock for a third consecutive term as president of the international organization. Other officers, all re-elected, were Margaret Kolb, 1st vice-president; Dr. James M. Fowler, 2nd vice-president; Stanley Price, secretary; and George Tyler, treasurer.

Dr. Hampton Roy of Little Rock, an ophthalmologist, was elected to the board. Two members of the executive committee who are not officers

of ISB, Ed Berry and J.M. Woolly, both of Little Rock; were re-elected to the executive committee.

Other business conducted by the directors included:

— Electing the president of AEB to serve on ISB's board as an ex-officio member; and

— Voting to become a sponsoring member for the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

Participating in the afternoon session were Dr. Hernando Pradilla of Bogota, Colombia S.A., director of the Colombia National Institute for the Blind; Mrs. Billie Elder of Little Rock, instructor of rehabilitation teaching for the blind at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Dr. Robert Rogers of Oak Brook, Ill., director of the Lions International Foundation; and Harold Roberts of New York, executive director of the American Foundation for Overseas Blind.

J. M. Woolly of Little Rock, superintendent of the state School for the Blind, chaired the panel.

Two foreign trainees currently on ISB scholarships at AEB addressed the board during the business session. They were Hideyuki Eguchi of Fukuoka, Japan, and Mrs. Veronica Ezejiofo of Enugu, Nigeria, Africa.

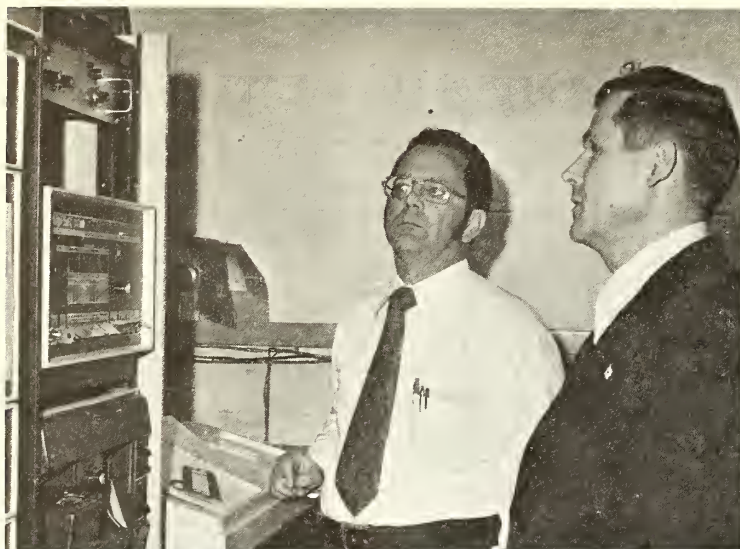


LIONS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION contributed \$3,000 to the Cabot Lions Club for use by the Cabot Lions in some type of tornado relief effort in the Cabot community. Taking part in the activity were, from left, Mindel Self, Lions state secretary and coordinator of the Lions Cabot Relief Fund for LIF; Dr. Robert Rogers, director of LIF; Dr. Jim Fowler, director, Lions International; and Fred Campbell, president of the Cabot Lions.

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of March 31, 1976)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	\$54,420.25	\$ 30,538.13
District I	11,667.00	7,872.84
District O	28,987.00	14,964.50
District N	15,965.56	9,924.03
District S	84,446.76	51,680.42
Other Pledges	49,544.77	43,532.27
Total	\$245,031.34	\$158,512.19



VOTRAX SPEAKS! Dr. Clyde Smith (right) visited AEB's technology center for a demonstration of the Votrax speech synthesizer from Don Puska, AEB's technology specialist. The Votrax, which was in good voice, startled Dr. Smith when it began to speak.

Dissertation Proved College Prep...

The man who probably knows as much about AEB's college preparatory training as perhaps anyone — he did his doctorate dissertation on the program — recently returned for a visit and plans another in June.

Dr. Clyde Smith of Peoria, Ill., a faculty member at Bradley University, followed the 1968 college prep trainees through their training at AEB and through their first year of college. His findings were published and shows conclusive evidence that college prep training is helpful to blind youths.

Dr. Smith's road to his doctorate and Bradley U. is somewhat unusual. Raised in Donaldson (Clark County), he quit school in the tenth grade and began preaching. Friends convinced him that a visually impaired person with a tenth-grade education would have difficulty making a living.

He entered Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, after completing his high school education at the state School for the Blind, and received his bachelor degree. He received his master's in rehabilitation counseling from the University of Missouri.

It was then to the University of Tennessee for his doctorate. Looking for a subject for his dissertation, Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, suggested AEB's college prep program.

Dr. Smith is president of the Peoria Lions Club, a member of the Peoria Heights School Board and a Girl Scout leader. Bradley University recently honored him with the Dr. Francis Mergin Award for outstanding community service by a faculty member.

In addition to these activities, Dr. Smith is an avid backpacker.

He hiked into the Grand Canyon a few summers back, climbed Longs Peak in Colorado, one of the state's highest; and now is planning a hike that will take him through parts of Utah, Wyoming and Idaho.

A man with these types of accomplishments to his credit, and one who participates in these types of activities, will certainly be an inspiration to AEB's 1976 College Preparatory trainees.

...AEB Now Prepares for 15th Class

Perhaps AEB's 1976 College Preparatory group will be inspired by Dr. Smith and not let their blindness or visual impairment keep them from similar accomplishments.

A good start in college would be a big boost, and AEB's college prep training has proven its capability of doing just that. Dr. Smith's doctorate thesis validated the claim.

AEB's 15th College Preparatory course will begin June 14 and run for nine weeks, until August 13. Jim Cordell, AEB's assistant executive director, indicates as many as 30 blind or visually impaired high school graduates will participate in this year's training.

Since AEB's first program in 1961, more than 700 college-bound freshmen have taken the training. Statistics indicate that less than 15 percent of those who complete the college prep training drop out of school, while the drop out rate of those without such training is more than 50 percent.

College prep training at AEB includes guest speakers explaining what is expected of incoming freshmen from the college and what freshmen may expect from

their college, orientation to the library system, and the sharpening of their skills in personal adjustment — such as orientation and mobility, social skills and recreation — and academic instructions.

College preppers will be vying for \$500 in scholarships, plus the PMA award. A \$200 scholarship will be provided the trainee voted the outstanding trainee by the staff, and a pair of \$150 awards will go to each outstanding male and female trainee that's voted that honor by their peers. The PMA award, a \$25 gift, is given the trainee displaying the best "positive mental attitude."

Former AEB president, Robert Sakon of England, donates the scholarships in honor of Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, and the Serendipity Fund, administered by Mrs. Nanette Walker of Texarkana, contributes the PMA award.

Lions Calendar

May 28 — Lions State Convention, Hot Springs

June 23 — Lions International Convention, Hawaii

August 28 — Visiting District Governors Day, AEB

Tony Scorsese's Letter

Editor's Note: Tony Scorsese of Rochester, New York, came to AEB March 31, 1975, as a possible candidate for the Taxpayer Service Representative course. Tony had received a B.A. in Sociology from the State University College of Geneseo, New York in 1972. He lacked some of the skills necessary for the TSR class and went into regular training to improve for the next class. Evaluation indicated Tony could work well with other blind persons as a rehabilitation teacher and on August 6, 1975, he entered AEB's professional training. He finished training February 26, 1976, and is now a rehabilitation teacher at the New Orleans Lighthouse for the Blind. Below are excerpts from a letter Tony recently wrote Jim Cordell, AEB's assistant executive director.

Dear Mr. Cordell:

Prior to my arrival at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, I was a very frustrated and depressed person . . . I had tried many things . . . I achieved a college education, however, things did not improve . . . Employment was difficult. Not only was I facing a large number of unemployed college graduates, but also discrimination because of my low vision.

I was given the opportunity to be trained as a Taxpayer Service Representative. Questions such as "would this cycle of being trained without employment continue on" continuously entered my mind. I was even "uptight" about going to a "school" for blind people. I did not consider myself being blind, just visually impaired.

I became further frustrated. I was required to take braille when I could still read print. I (took) . . . abacus when I could do simple arithmetic on paper . . . and mobility was a waste of time. I was only fooling myself. I failed to realize my vision "difficulties" were more serious than I pretended them to be . . . I was actually blind about being blind.

. . . after failing to make the TSR course, I spent the next four months as a regular trainee, then followed months as a professional trainee. It was a difficult time of adjustment. I was getting mental fatigue . . . I was really exhausted. I had no guarantee of gainful employment . . . I was competing against requirements of master degrees and rehabilitation cutbacks from federal programs.

Finally success. I am very happy with my new job as rehabilitation teacher with the New Orleans Lighthouse for the Blind. I am instructing . . . braille, typing, abacus, crafts and ACT (Alpha Communicative Techniques). I shall never forget the AEB. It made my life meaningful.

Respectfully yours,
Tony Scorsese

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Mike Graham (AEB '74) of Sand Springs, Okla., attended Central State University in Edmond, Okla., for three semesters, then transferred to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. He indicates by letter that he has been in school since leaving AEB and will lay out this summer. Mike accredits his work at college to the training he received at AEB.

Kathy Claus (TSR '73), now working for the U.S. Civil Service Commission as a CSIS in Albuquerque, New Mexico, recently had a baby, a girl named Kindra Shawn. Born February 7, Kindra Shawn weighed seven pounds, eight ounces. Kathy's home was Oak Park, Ill., when she was in training at AEB.

Two former AEB'ers, Ann McDaniels of Alexandria, La. (AEB '75) and Jack McSpadden of Little Rock (TSR '67) were featured in a story published in SCENE magazine, the monthly publication for the Bell Telephone system. The story highlighted Bell's program in Little Rock of hiring the handicapped.

AEB Professional Training Had Dual Purpose For AEB Training

Whenever George Jackson of Rock Hill, South Carolina, counsels with a blind client, you can bet that deep in his memory will be the rehabilitation he himself received at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

"There's no way around it," says Jackson, a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the South Carolina Commission for the Blind, "when I start working on a case, I'll think back to AEB and consider how they would work with this individual."

The recollection will be natural. George Jackson entered AEB on February 9 for a dual purpose. One was for personal adjustment

for himself, made necessary because of retinitis pigmentosa, an eye condition he has lived with for 25 years; and the other purpose was to observe and take part in AEB's professional training program.

"I now have about two percent of my vision left," he points out. "I can read some large print, but I haven't any field vision, nor any night vision."

Even with this handicap, Jackson has a very impressive academic record. He was a college instructor, high school teacher, elementary and high school principal, a social adjustment counselor, and an adult education director for more than 22 years.

Prior to coming to AEB for training, Jackson worked three months for the South Carolina Commission for the Blind. He returned home March 20 and is now back at his job.

"Training at AEB gave me a new lease on life and I feel it can do the same for anyone else. They gave me the confidence I need — it's now a new ballgame for me."

Meet the Staff

Barbara Purcell, a braille instructor in AEB's educational services, has been employed at the rehabilitation center since June, 1969.

A native of Alva, Okla., she graduated from the Oklahoma School for the Blind in Muskogee, and received her B.A. in sociology and speech from Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. She is now working on her master's in rehabilitation teaching.

Before joining AEB, Barbara worked at Northwestern University as a PBX operator. At AEB, she has worked as Oral Communications instructor, and works with the Gavel Club. She also attended a training course at the National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults in New York.

She is past-president of the Quasar Chapter of the American Chapter of the Blind, a member of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, and is secretary-treasurer of the Arkansas Sports Club for the Blind.

Her hobbies include bowling, going to movies and music.



Barbara Purcell



NEW OFFICERS for AEB's volunteer auxiliary were elected at the group's February meeting. Pictured, from left, are Foster Cochran, treasurer; Linda Jordan, president; Amy Pias, AEB's volunteer coordinator; and Robin Harris, secretary. Not pictured is Mary Alexander, vice-president.

Threatening Weather And Rain Fails To Halt AEB's Open House And Tours

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind held its first open house in more than six years on Sunday, March 28, with more than 50 persons touring the rehabilitation center, even though threatening weather and eventual rain was a deterring factor.

Lions from Forrest City, Malvern, Sheridan and Little Rock, plus others interested in the rehabilitation center for the blind and visually impaired, toured the facility and saw demonstrations of rehabilitation teaching techniques, various aids for the blind, and a street-side view of AEB's new building.

Staff and trainees manned their training stations and answered questions concerning their work at

AEB. Other staff members served as tour guides or served cookies and punch in the Barry Building auditorium.

Also, open to the general public for the first time was the Horizons on Display exhibit that's located in the auditorium. The exhibit, which explains the HOD theme, contains material from the program, a slide presentation and a great deal of AEB literature. The exhibit will remain open throughout the Bicentennial year.

While the number actually attending the open house was less than anticipated, many others saw the event through the cameras of KARK-TV and KATV-TV, both of which filmed the open house for their evening news.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas

Twenty Lions and Lionesses from the Dardanelle Lions Club visited AEB on March 9 for dinner and a tour. Paul Seay is president of the club.

The first Lions Club to ever hold a Ladies Night at AEB held another on March 16. More than 40 Lions and Lionesses from the Benton Lions Club visited AEB. Club president is Virgle Green.

On March 25 two Pulaski County clubs, Park Plaza in Little Rock and the North Little Rock Lions, held a joint Ladies Night at AEB with more than 85 persons attending. This event provided an opportunity for District Governor Bob Moore to induct two new members into the Park Plaza club. Bill Heaston is Park Plaza's president, and Harold Riggs heads the North Little Rock club.

During all three Ladies Night's at the rehabilitation center, the visitors were entertained by AEB trainees. Jody Dunphy of Groton, Conn., sang for the Dardanelle Lions. The Benton club was entertained by Mike Cox of Muskeogan, Mich., and Bobby Jenkins of Lake Charles, La. Ellis Hines of Johnson City, Tenn., and Mike Saltzman of Gueyban, La., played the piano and sang for the joint meeting. Debbie Gongaes of Albuquerque, New Mexico, provided piano music for two of the meetings.



TWO MEMBERS of the Wickes Lions Club prepare chicken for frying during the Club's March 27 chicken fry. More than 300 persons attended the chicken fry that was one of several fund raising efforts by the Lions to build a ball park for the school and community.

P. S. S.



AEB's skyline changes as the new building nears 50 percent completion.

AEB Included In HUD Cape Kennedy Display

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind's role in the Horizons on Display has taken the rehabilitation center's story into 200 other agencies, now that role is taking AEB to one of America's space landmark — Cape Kennedy.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development, half of HOD's sponsoring body, is establishing a display at Cape Kennedy, home of America's Space Center and one of Florida's most visited attractions — perhaps only behind Disney World for popularity.

HUD is spotlighting its work and a few members of HOD. They selected AEB to be included.

The Habitat National Center in Washington is handling the exhibit that will run from Memorial Day, May 31, through Labor Day, September 6. AEB has supplied several slides from the rehabilitation center's slide program for inclusion in the display.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

K. W. Douglass by William R. Grim
Mrs. Harold Davis by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallis

J. H. Dowless by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wallis

Mrs. Hank Neser by Dr. J. M. Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Witter

James M. Hood by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Dick Lyons by Bob Moore

Hugh Wilbourn, Sr. by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Paul Scroggin by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Charles F. W. Loewer by George Rose

James S. Johnson by Mrs. Elise B. Diesel

Kathryn Elise Yount by Mrs. Elise B. Diesel and Mrs. Robertine McCaffrey

George Doan, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Duane Balentine, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Turner, Miss Lila Lampkin and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Leo A. Baim by Mr. and Mrs. Claude J. Wood

Col. Herb Baker by Dr. J. M. Fowler
Mrs. W. K. Heard, Sr. by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Miss Lila Lampkin

Gaston P. Gibson, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Isenman, Jr.

Joe Steiger, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Snyder

David Campbell by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wangenstein

Dr. Ed Lally by Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Friedman

Helen Jenkins by Horseshoe Bend Lions Club

Landon L. Kohler by Robert Sakon, Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Miss Lila Lampkin

Louis Stanley Carlee by Robert Sakon
Mrs. Leatha Bain Williams by Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Marx

Clinton Holman by Mrs. Florence Holman

Charles E. Mead by Titus Strouth
Joe W. McMillion by Southwest Little Rock Lions Club

Ivan Mueller by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Scott, Dr. J. M. Fowler, Pulaski Heights Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Dr. O. J. Ratcliff

Charles Anderson by Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Cohen

Hubert Moore by Mrs. Mary Anne Watson

Joe Schenk by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walton

Mrs. Jean Pharis Nolen by Miss Lila Lampkin

The Garden

God gave me a little garden
that looked so very bare
I almost did not plant it nor
find the treasures rare
Awaiting my discovery as I
tended it with care.
I dug, fed and watered, I
planted flowers there
And learned that patient
waiting and lots of loving
care
Were needed ere the
blossoms with perfumes
filled the air.

I am glad that God could
teach me in such a simple
way
To make a lovely garden out
of what had looked like
clay

And show me truth and
beauty were treasures I
might find
While working in the
garden and finding peace
of mind.
I'm thankful for that garden
that is no longer bare
But a teaching school of
beauty that God and I can
share.

Lillian English Kliever

Editor's note: Lillian
Kliever is a secretary in
the staff office at AEB.

Mrs. W. Bert Robbs by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Keeley
Mrs. Minnie Alice Ringgold by Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dull

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THREE DIRECTORS of International Services for the Blind include
from left, Mrs. Noland Blass, Jr. of Little Rock, Mrs. Ruth Covo of
Mexico City, and Mrs. Margaret Kolb of Little Rock. Mrs. Kolb was
re-elected to another term as 1st vice-president of ISB.



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AEB's 15th

It's College Prep Time

For the 15th consecutive summer, Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind, took on many characteristics of a college campus when 32 blind and visually impaired high school graduates from seven states entered College Preparatory Training on June 14.

The nine-week specialized training course is designed to prepare the graduate for the adjustment to the college campus and give a preview of the academic requirements for the college level.

During the training such needed skills as orientation and mobility, personal management, braille, and the abacus are sharpened. Guest speakers, including many who are successful blind persons, from the fields of

education, services for the blind, politics and others will present a wide range of information that will be very helpful for the freshman student.

Training in the use of the college library, through the cooperation of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's library, is included in the course.

College prep trainees will also share in the rehabilitation center's social and recreational activities. These include field trips, dances, swimming, concerts and similar events.

Dr. John Lammers, University of Central Arkansas at Conway, is returning for the second year as academic instructor. Jim Cordell, AEB's assistant executive director, is program coordinator.

At the conclusion of the course, three scholarships worth \$500 will be presented to certain trainees. A \$200 scholarship will be presented to the outstanding trainee as selected by AEB's instructional and counseling staff. Two \$150 scholarships will be awarded the outstanding male and female trainee as selected by their fellow trainees.

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Lions Represent AEB At Conventions

Three Arkansas Lions have represented AEB at state Lions conventions in other states.

Roy Kumpe, executive director, attended the Missouri convention in St. Louis, and the Tennessee convention in Gatlinburg. Robert E. Shepard, AEB's business administrator, attended the Florida convention in Miami, and the Oklahoma convention in Oklahoma City. Charles Price, past district governor and an AEB board member from Mena, attended the Mississippi convention in Greenville.

Expense of these trips were paid by International Services for the Blind through brokerage fees from sale of light bulbs.

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Total	\$252,535.71	\$171,581.48



OUTGOING AEB PRESIDENT Hoyte Pyle of Little Rock hands the gavel to AEB's new president, Gene Brown of Jonesboro. Brown was elected to the new post June 6 by AEB's board of directors. Other officers are Amos David of Imboden, first vice-president; Anthel D. Marlin of North Little Rock, second vice-president; Al W. Isenman Jr. of Little Rock, secretary; and Wes Smelley of Little Rock, treasurer. Directors elected during the Lions states convention were Bob Shaddock of Camden, Wendel Johnson of Fort Smith, Nyle Oswalt of Helena, Russell Brown of Little Rock, O. L. Glasmann of Russellville and Anthel D. Marlin of North Little Rock.

AEB Receives \$190,000 Bequest From Josephine Collie Estate

A bequest of 296 acres of timberland near Malvern to Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind by Leila Josephine Collie of Little Rock has been sold by the rehabilitation center for \$190,167.

Hoyte Pyle of Little Rock, president of AEB, made the public announcement of the bequest and the amount of the land sale on April 20, 1976. "This is the largest bequest ever given the rehabilitation center," Mr. Pyle reported.

Miss Collie was a former resident and a business woman in Malvern before moving to Little Rock. She died September 14, 1975, in a Little Rock hospital. She was a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, and did graduate work at Columbia College of Speech, Radio and Drama in Chicago, and earned her Master of Arts degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

Miss Collie first taught in the North Little Rock school system, then went into private business in her home town. She was co-owner of Jo-Leila's, a ladies' accessory shop in Malvern, for several years.

She returned to teaching in 1957 at Fuller Junior High in the Pulaski County School District.

She taught until her retirement in 1972. The 1971 Fuller Junior High School yearbook was dedicated to Miss Collie.

Miss Collie's interest in AEB developed from her own loss of vision and a tour of the rehabilitation center. She was unable to return to AEB for any training because of her health.

Lawson Glover of Malvern, past president of AEB and currently a board member, represented AEB in the land sale negotiation.



Josephine Collie

Citizens From 'Down Under' Visit Arkansas' Lions

Australian Stuck In Arkansas River

It wasn't what you would expect from your usual telephone call, especially the callers crisp, precise English. The kind one only hears from someone closely associated with the Mother Country.

It certainly wasn't the type of call one would expect to get you stuck and cause you to miss Easter services.

It was David Freebairn of Alma, South Australia, calling Ed Thicksten of Alma, Arkansas. The two do have a great deal in common.

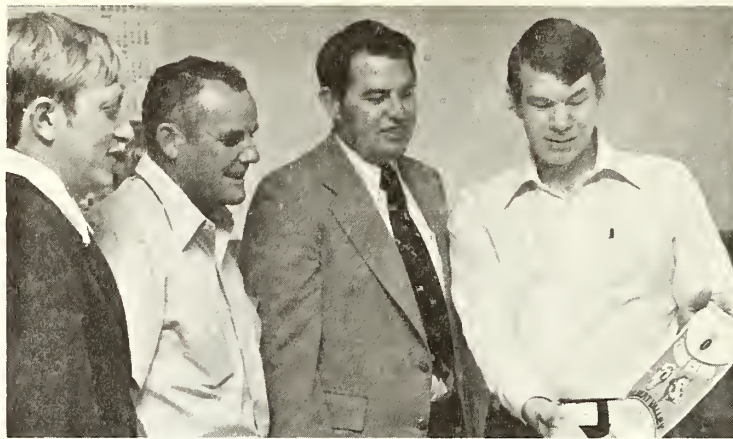
Both are Lions, and Ed is president of his club. Both are from Alma — even though the cities are perhaps 8,000 miles apart. And both are farmers.

Freebairn was visiting Arkansas and spotting a town with a familiar name, he searched out a fellow Lion. He just wanted a brief tour of the community, especially the farm area. This was a request that Lion Ed, the state representative from his district, couldn't refuse.

Showing off his community was easy, but getting out to some of the soybean fields meant driving out near the Arkansas River. That's where the river gumbo gets soft after a rain.

And that's where AEB board member Ed Thicksten's good will mission turned into a nightmare — a stuck vehicle more than two-miles from help. The two Alma residents, the Arkansan and the South Australian, survived their ordeal.

But Thicksten's efforts weren't in vain. Freebairn left his club's, the Gilbert Valley Lions Club, banner, and if Ed Thicksten ever finds himself in Alma, South Australia, he's got a friend.



PROUDLY DISPLAYING the Gilbert Valley Lions Club's banner, Ed Thicksten, right, describes the events that led to his receiving the banner from Lion David Freebairn of Alma, South Australia, to fellow Lions (from left) Manford Burris, Kenneth Owen and Charles B. Dyer.



AEB'S LION STATUE, located on the northwest corner of the campus, is one of the spots most visitors want to visit while at AEB. From left, Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director; Fred Boone, Sydney, Australia; and W. S. Kendall and Otha McSpadden, both of Batesville; posed by the Lion during a tour of the rehabilitation center.

Another Is Named Arkansas Traveler By Governor Pryor

What started as a casual conversation at a baseball game in Chicago during the 1967 Lions International Convention has led to a nine-year friendship for two Arkansans, their wives, and an Australian and his wife.

Fred Boone of Sydney, Australia, and Otha McSpadden and W. S. Kendall, both members of the Batesville Lions Club, have been corresponding ever since the meeting at the ball park. Their friendship has grown deeper over the years.

"We've been trying to get Fred and Mrs. Boone to visit Arkansas for several years," Kendall reported. "This year they made it," added McSpadden, a distant relative of AEB's first TSR graduate, Jack McSpadden.

Following a week-long visit in Batesville and sightseeing in the Ozarks, the group came to Little Rock for a visit that included a tour of AEB and an additional honor for Mr. Boone. He was presented an "Arkansas Traveler" certificate by Governor David Pryor in ceremonies at the state capitol.

Mr. Boone is a member of the Yagoona Lions Club. He explained that Yagoona translates "no man's land." "This was an area that all the tribes used for hunting, but no one was allowed to settle in the region," he added.

Commissioner Gives NAC Recognition

The National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped, the agency that accredits AEB, was recently recognized for four years by the U.S. Commissioner of Education, T. H. Bell.

The commissioner is required by law to publish a list of accrediting organizations he determines to be reliable authorities as to the quality of training offered by the educational institutions or programs they accredit. NAC was the first accrediting body in the field of special education to receive this recognition.

The renewal period of four years is the maximum allowed by law.

AEB and the Arkansas School for the Blind are charter members of NAC. Louis H. Rives of Little Rock, formerly director of research and staff development at AEB and currently administrator of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, is president of NAC.

A New Zealander Too?

Arkansas Lions have been having numerous contacts with the Southwest Pacific region — the Down Under part of the globe.

Two recent Arkansas visitors were from Australia, as detailed in the two above stories. Another contact was at the recent state convention.

Lions International Director Alex Grieve of Timaru, South Canterbury, New Zealand, was the special guest and principal speaker at the Arkansas Lions state convention.

CSIS Demonstration Project Is Nearing End Of Six-Month Test

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and the U.S. Civil Service Commission will soon know how effective the Votrax speech synthesizer can be in allowing blind workers to perform as Civil Service Information Specialists for the Civil Service Commission.

Three AEB-trained CSISer's are participating in the Philadelphia-based six-month demonstration project that ends July 31. It's believed the project will prove the blind can function competitively using audio information equal to the sighted using the conventional typed print-outs.

Working on the project are Jack and Becky McCloskey (both CSIS '73) and Lana Stiechen (CSIS '74).

The Votrax system is a speech synthesizer, developed by the Federal Screw Works, Troy,

Mich., and adapted for work with the blind in connection with a computer system by Michigan State University's Department of Language.

It works this way: A CSIS accesses into the Federal Data Bank in Macon, Ga., and requests job information for a certain area. This request is entered by typing it on a keyboard connected to the government computer through the telephone system. Instead of being retrieved as a visual print-out, the information is spoken by the Votrax machine. The CSIS then passes the information to the job seeker.

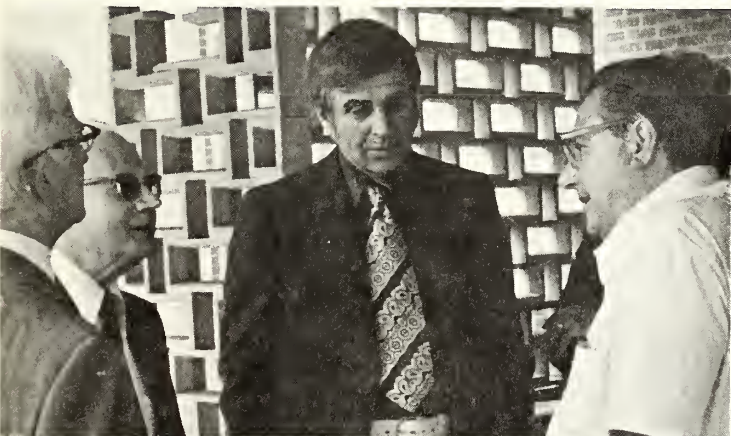
The Votrax system was installed at AEB earlier this year. It will be used in conjunction with AEB's CSIS training to prepare potential Civil Service Commission employees to use it on the job.



JIMMY EDWARDS of the Blytheville Lions Club opens his club's meeting held recently at AEB. **Louis Hoskins** of Portsmouth, Va., a deaf and blind professional trainee and an aide in the deaf-blind program, spoke to the group. The Blytheville Lion's trip by chartered bus gives that club the honor of traveling the longest distance to visit AEB.



THREE MEMBERS of the Quasar Chapter of the Arkansas Council of the Blind display the clock the Chapter recently gave AEB in appreciation of using the rehabilitation center's facilities. They are, from left, **Johnette Weiss**, **Jeff Weiss** and **Barbara Purcell**, all members of the AEB staff. The clock has been placed in the auditorium.



COMMISSIONER HORACE BASS [center], Tennessee Department of Human Services, recently visited AEB and during a tour of the rehabilitation center chatted with **Dr. Russell Myers** [right] of Woodbury, Tennessee. **Roy Kumpe**, [left], AEB's executive director, served as tour guide. **Bill Ferrall** [second from left], director of the Tennessee Services for the Blind, also toured the rehabilitation center.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas

More than 500 persons registered for the 58th annual convention of the Arkansas Lions Clubs Multiple District 7 held May 28-30 at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs.

Hosts for the gathering of Lions from around Arkansas were the four Hot Spring's clubs — Hot Springs, Mid-America, Oaklawn and the South Hot Springs. General chairman was Angelo Pappas.

Keynote speaker for the convention was International Director Alex Grieve of Timaru, South Canterbury, New Zealand.

The meeting opened with a golf and tennis tournament, and the Tarnished Brass Club banquet for past district governors. It closed following a necrology service on Sunday morning.

In between was the AEB luncheon, the convention banquet, and the EKB breakfast, both state and district business meetings, an International Convention briefing, a dance, numerous coffee breaks, sometimes long lines and many renewals of old friendships.

After all, what else is a state convention?

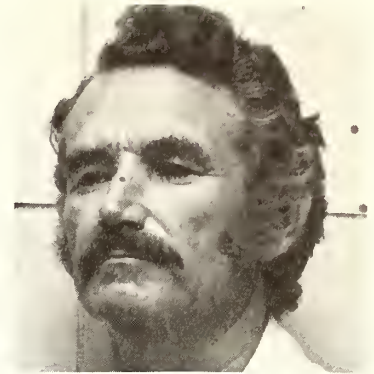
Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Candy Ridell of Chalmette, La. (College Prep '68) recently called **Elise Diesel**, AEB's recreational coordinator, and reported she was doing very well and was liking her work. Candy, who was an abacus instructor at AEB, is now a singer in New Orleans, working at the American International Club. Her call was prompted by a \$100 tip and she said "she couldn't think of a better way to spend it than by calling AEB."

John Morris of Little Rock (SBM '76) will soon be operating his own snack bar in the business enterprise program of the Office of the Blind, according to **Jean Smith**, his rehabilitation counselor. The snack bar will be located in Evergreen Place on University Avenue.

Three TSR's from 1975 have earned good ratings for their work in the Cincinnati IRS office. Following the filing season, TSR's are rated according to their performance. **Richard Vonderhaar**, **Ken Jacobs** and **Marilyn Wakefield** finished 1-2-3 among all TSR's in the office. Vonderhaar will continue in the Cincinnati office, but Jacobs will return to his home town, Houston, and work there. Wakefield will continue in Cincinnati, but has elected to work part-time.



Sam Singley

Meet the Staff

Sam Singley, food service manager of AEB's kitchen that served almost 94,000 meals last year, joined the rehabilitation center's staff December, 1971, slightly more than two years after ending a 20-year career with the U.S. Army.

A native of Little Rock, he now lives on his farm near Beebe where he raises cattle. This also gives him an opportunity to follow one of his favorite pastimes — gardening.

Sam enlisted in October, 1948, and spent the first ten years of his Army career as a cook and baker. He attended both types of schools and earned a commendation from General Mitchell while at Camp Chaffee in 1953. His second ten years in the military were spent as a mess sergeant.

His career took him to many parts of the world and ended with his retirement while serving a three year tour in Alaska. "Working at AEB is certainly better than Alaska," he claims. Wading snow, 70 degrees below zero weather and thawing eggs in hot water before using them were some of the memories of Alaska he's happy he exchanged for AEB.

Kudos For The TSR

AEB's Taxpayer Service Representative training program recently received a great deal of praise from **Ken Kolheim** of Chicago, personnel staffing specialist for the Internal Revenue Service in that city.

Mr. Kolheim called AEB to get more information about the training and how to enroll a prospective trainee in the program. Below are several paraphrases of Mr. Kolheim's remarks:

"This is the most successful program of all the programs for the handicapped . . . they out perform the sighted TSR's."

"We will want more of our trainees."

"I don't know how they keep up with the large amount of material."

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

Albert Oberly by Mrs. and Mrs. R. M. King

Lewis Gravls by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. King

James Carl Miller by E. M. Trimble

H. D. Henry by Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Treadway

Norman Scott by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mrs. M. F. Kibbe, Jacksonville Lions Club and Mrs. Arleta Dupree

Edgar B. Rushing by Mr. and Mrs. Smiley Anderson and Mrs. Al Rose

Bill Dunn by Russellville Lions Club

Mrs. Mable Bond by Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Cohen, Pulaski Heights Lions Club and Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Shelton.

H. W. Cromer by O. W. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Porter Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. Roye Kumpe, Bob Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Graves, Sr., Carl J. Graves, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard, Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club, White Hall Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Keeley, Dr. and Mrs. Jack McHaney, The Thursday Night Canasta Group of Jonesboro, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Ted A. McNulty, Mrs. Jones Brainard, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Brunson, John Milbourn and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Newsome

Mrs. Raymond P. Miller by Dr. Harry Smith and Mrs. Julian Apple

Mrs. R. L. Cain by Dr. Harry Smith

Frank Long by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Clarence Hummon by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

John H. McNutt by Dr. Jerry P. Park,

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Miss Lila Lampkin

Mrs. George Lamar by Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Shelton, Mr. and Mrs. Louis East, Mrs. Marion F. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Miss Lila Lampkin, Mrs. Dewey Willis, Mrs. Horace Hampton, Mrs. George W. Hall, Mrs. Wanda V. Heisler, Mrs. Linda Morris, Mrs. Mary Catherine Cornelius, Mrs. Georgia Tipton, Dr. O. J. Ratcliff and Mrs. Julian Apple

Mr. and Mrs. George Lamar by Mr. and Mrs. Emery Brenner

Joe Clunk by Helen Vargo

Ike Kidd by Al Wilmoth

Mrs. Mary Thomas by A. W. Iseman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Cruce and Dr. J. M. Fowler

Roger Jennings by Horseshoe Bend Lions Club

Othal Holland by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt

H. D. Laster by Dr. J. M. Fowler

Virgil Featherston by Mrs. Andrew Hulsey

W. Lloyd Cottrell by Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley

Mrs. Ethel Whillock by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lindley

Miss Mildred Scott by Miss Lila Lampkin

Emmett E. Cook, Jr. by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cabe, Pulaski Heights Lions Club and Roy Kumpe & AEB Staff

Rev. S. M. Cooper by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Snyder

James W. Lipscomb, Sr. by Robert Sakon

Mrs. Margaret Bell by Robert Sakon

W. Frank Lawrence by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt

GET WELL CARDS

Harold Goodfellow by Roy Kumpe and AEB Staff

Isador Scrinopskie by George Dolin, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe, Mrs. Robert Basinger and Jean Taxman

Larry Bradley by Roy Kumpe and AEB Staff



THIS GROUP OF STUDENTS from Pulaski Academy recently spent a day at AEB touring the rehabilitation center and observing the classroom work. This was part of the girl's year-end assignment and they chose AEB for their project.



IT WAS ISADOR SCRINOPSKIE'S 84th birthday and AEB joined his many friends in honoring the long-time Lions club member. Jim Cordell (right), AEB's assistant executive director, gave Mr. Scrinopskie a framed certificate from the rehabilitation center. The certificate read: "In appreciation of your many years of support for AEB, and for the legacy you have created that will continue this support. Given on the occasion of your 84th birthday, April 8, 1976."

R. T. Ludden by Horseshoe Lake Lions Club

Roy Kumpe by Mr. and Mrs. Duane Balentine

Mrs. Otto Turner by Miss Lila Lampkin

Ted Gray by Miss Lila Lampkin and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Mrs. Minnie Mae Kleeburg by Miss Lila Lampkin

John W. Hastings by Lonoke Lions Club

Russell, Mrs. Ned Dumas and Mrs. O. R. Carter

Robert Sakon by Mr. and Mrs. Alan D. McKenzie

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AEB Holds Annual Awards Night For Collegiates And Volunteers

Awards night really means awards at AEB!

The annual end of College Prep night features several awards, and traditionally, volunteer appreciation activities. This year was no exception.

In College Prep, David Bell of Fort Smith, was named the Overall Outstanding Student selected by AEB's staff. He received a \$200 scholarship.

Vivian Hutson of Fort Smith was selected by her fellow students as the outstanding female, and Keith Rogers of Slidell, La., was selected the outstanding male student by the same group. Each received a \$150 scholarship.

The three scholarships, totaling \$500, are given by Robert Sakon of England, Ark., former AEB president, and are named in honor of Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director. Because of illness Mr. Sakon could not attend but Mrs. Betty Jones of Worthen Bank in Little Rock stood in for him and presented the checks.

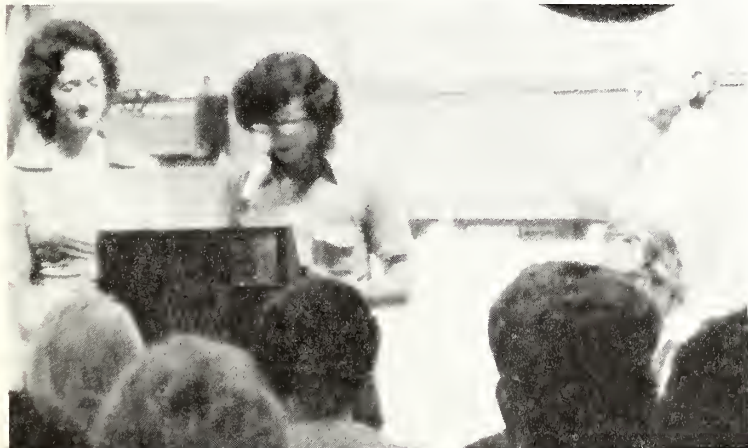
Two other highly regarded awards, each worth \$25, were

given. Mike Greenway of Little Rock received the third annual Postive Mental Attitude award and Irma Jean Nelson of Little Rock was selected as the most improved student and received an award given for the first time.

The PMA award is given by the Serendipity Fund, administered by Mrs. Nanette Walker of Texarkana, Texas. The Quasar Chapter of the Arkansas Council of the Blind gave the award for the most improved student.

There were two special awards for volunteers, in addition to the annual certificates they receive that lists the number of hours they have contributed. According to Mrs. Amy Pias, director of Volunteer Services, 71 volunteers have provided 3,416 hours, an average of one week and one day per volunteer. Linda Jordan, president of the volunteer auxiliary, helped make the awards.

First special award was to the family members and friends of AEB staff members who give a
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WITH A \$200 scholarship in his hand, David Bell of Fort Smith, voted the overall outstanding College Prep student, spoke before the College Prep Awards night gathering. In the background are (left) Mrs. Betty Jones of Worthen Bank, representing the scholarship's donor, Robert Sakon of England, Ark.; and (right) Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director.



AEB Adopts Logo

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind has a logo and it will soon be appearing on stationery, envelopes, business cards, brochures, annual reports and other places.

In fact, the new emblem made its first appearance as part of a display in late July at Little Rock's Adams Field. Space was made available to AEB by the airport authority and the logo was incorporated into a 39 by 66 inch panel.

Both the logo and display, which is being exhibited on the main concourse wall just past Gate 3, were prepared by Stephens International, Ltd., a Little Rock advertising firm.

The logo will not be used to replace any emblems or pictures AEB is currently using to identify the rehabilitation center, but will be used along side these emblems on most items. It's felt the logo will strengthen AEB's recognition by

the public.

Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, says the use of the white cane, symbol of the mobility training AEB has taught since its beginning in 1947, will tie the letters "AEB" to the rehabilitation center.

AEB's airport display will reach a large number of travelers, many of them out-of-staters, who aren't aware of AEB nor the many services it provides. The most eye-catching part of this display is the artist drawing of a person using the white cane.

Accompanying copy identifies AEB as the place "where the blind of the nation and the world receive rehabilitation training." The display also identifies AEB as a Lions Club project and as a member of the National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

(as of August 17, 1976)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	\$54,956.01	\$35,338.39
District I	11,886.61	8,229.95
District O	29,587.00	17,874.58
District N	16,565.56	10,853.20
District S	86,158.21	54,621.42
Other Pledges	62,353.03	55,604.53
Total	\$261,506.42	\$182,522.07



THE ROY KUMPE SCHOLARSHIPS, given by Robert Sakon of England, Ark., are the highlights of each College Prep Awards night. This year's winners, flanked by Roy Kumpe on the left and Mrs. Betty Jones of Worthen Bank on the right, were [from left] Vivian Hutson of Fort Smith, outstanding female trainee; Keith Rogers of Slidell, La., outstanding male trainee; and David Bell of Fort Smith, overall outstanding trainee.

It Was Actual College Class For This Year's College Prep

AEB's College Prep students got a lot closer to college this summer than they might have anticipated, they actually participated in one of UALR's freshman history classes.

Arrangements for their attending the class, taught by Dr. Dolph Owings, were made between Dr. Fred Williams, head of UALR's history department, and Dr. John Lammers, AEB's academic instructor of college prep from the University of Central Arkansas.

The college students had these interesting comments concerning their experience:

Concerning mobility and the construction work at UALR. "All

of the construction work really bothered me," said Margaret Harris of Moorsingport, La. "I was really worried."

Paula Buratt of Prairieville, La., thought that AEB students tended to "cluster together" and were not made to "make it on their own" enough.

Attitudes of UALR students. "That's alright, don't worry about it, it's nothing," was one student's response when Gwen Colbert of Baton Rouge, La., spilled ice on her desk. "I knew it was nothing," Gwen said, "but she wouldn't have treated a sighted person that way."

Communication and class participation. "If you sit in a class like a dummy," said Erby Bly of Florien, La., "then people will think you're stupid. You've got to participate."

"You've got to bridge the communication gap," was the conclusion of the college prep students, not wait for the sighted person to come to you."

Then there were some interesting comments by sighted UALR students concerning the AEB group:

"I'm amazed that your people at the AEB are coming to UALR. I admire you a lot. I thought you just stayed up there and hibernated," said a UALR coed.

Others used words like "amazement" and "admiration," while others, many who had previously been in college classes with blind students, said, "they're just people in a class."

Perhaps there was a learning experience — on both sides.

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great deal of their time to help trainees and staff. Mrs. Roy Kumpe accepted this framed certificate on behalf of those involved.

The other award was given to AEB staff members who give of their free time to help both trainees and other staff members. John Clapp, AEB mobility supervisor, accepted this award for the staff.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Candy Riedel of New Orleans (see story, page 2), and AEB's drama readers presenting the play, "The Transferred Ghost." Readers were Bonnie Schave, Steve Robertson, John McCullough, Marda Anderson, Diana Askew and Judith Newberry.

Also speaking to those attending the night's activities was Gene Browne of Jonesboro, president of AEB. Mike Greenway of Little Rock was master of ceremonies for the event.

'Summer Carnival' Is Hit For ACB Chapter

The Quasar Chapter of the Arkansas Council of the Blind held a "Summer Carnival" at AEB on August 7 and raised \$323.60 for the Chapter's treasury.

Johnette Weiss, carnival coordinator, reports this as being the best fund raising effort ever by the Quasar Chapter.

During the evening, such events as a cake walk and an auction were held; plus stands for grab bags and a fishing pond were open. Anyone committing a misdeed ended up in the carnival's jail and faced a stiff fine for their release.

A number of items, including a radio, crocheted pillow, knitted scarf and a King Kong bank, were raffled during the activity.



AEB HOSTED a coffee and doughnut breakfast for former trainees attending the American Council of the Blind's national meeting in Hot Springs. Approximately 30 former trainees attended, including [left] Helen Vargo of Topeka Kan., AEB '49 first Braille instructor; and [right] Dwain Smith of Little Rock, AEB '50. Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, stands between the former trainees.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas

The fall conference line-up for Arkansas Multiple District 7 has been released from the state secretary's office. They are:

September 12, District 7-I, Fairfield Bay, with International Director Gene L. Rice of Indiana.

September 19, District 7-L, Ouachita Vo-Tech, Malvern, with International Director Jim Sullivan of Oklahoma.

September 26, District 7-I, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, with International Director Gerry Robbins of Minnesota.

October 10, District 7-S, Ramada Inn, North Little Rock, with International Director Al LaVine of New York.

October 17, District 7-O, Salem High School, Salem, with International Director Lacy M. Presnell of North Carolina.

AEB recently got a boost from Dr. Anthony Russo Jr. of Jefferson, La., district governor of Louisiana District 8-S, in his District newsletter. A recent visitor to AEB, Dr. Russo was greatly impressed by the service being given the 17 Louisianans in training, five from his District, at AEB. He made a personal contribution of \$500 and urged any club in his District with extra money to consider a contribution to AEB.

Wes Smelley of the Little Rock Park Plaza Lions was recently elected president of the Arkansas Personnel Association; and A. W. Isenman of the Little Rock Founders Lions was recently named vice-president of the Williams and Rosen Insurance Agency. Both are AEB board members.

NAC Announces Annual Meeting

The National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped will hold its annual membership meeting on November 17, to be followed by a board of director's meeting on November 18, in New York City.

Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, is a member of NAC's board and Louis Rives Jr., administrator of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired and formerly director of Research and Staff Development at AEB, is president of the organization.

Three Arkansas agencies: AEB, the School for the Blind and the state OBVI; are accredited members of NAC. The accrediting body held its 1975 meeting in Little Rock, AR.



WHEREVER SHE GOES, Candy Riedel is willing to share her singing talent. In addition to her many performances while on vacation at AEB, earlier Candy entertained during the noon luncheon of the Southwest Region American Association of Workers for the Blind meeting at the Royal Orleans Hotel in New Orleans.

AEB's Older Blind Program Gets Money From HEW

AEB was funded \$45,605 in early July from the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to continue its program of serving the older blind citizens of Arkansas for another year, according to Gene Browne of Jonesboro, AEB's president.

"This new funding brings the total value of the three-year grant to \$150,000," Browne says.

The grant, entitled "Providing Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Older Blind Individuals," allows AEB staff members to work with the older blind citizens in their home, their home community, or their nursing home; if it's impossible for the individual to

come to the rehabilitation center.

The program, designed to reach the blind person over the age of 55, is a cooperative effort with the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The rehabilitation training includes orientation and mobility, Braille, techniques of daily living, home management, crafts and additional skills in managing their blindness.

Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, reports that AEB staff members, working in all 75 counties, have served 220 persons in the project's first two years. AEB has three full-time staff members and three part-time staff members assigned to the project.

Nine Potential IRS Workers Enroll In AEB's 27th Course

Nine blind or visually impaired individuals, representing seven states, have entered AEB's 27th Taxpayer Service Representative training course that began July 6.

Successfully completing the five-month course will qualify the individuals for employment with the Internal Revenue Service in one of the IRS's 58 offices in the United States.

Before being accepted into the class, each trainee must demonstrate before the admissions committee, composed of IRS personnel officers and AEB staff members who work with the program, independent mobility, good mathematical skills, reading and writing in Braille if totally

blind, accurate typing; plus a pleasing personality and good use of the telephone.

Members of the new class, and their hometowns, are: Tom Lovejoy of Rochester, Minn., Joseph Scalzi of Lubbock, Tex., Margo McDanel of Fort Worth, Pete Carguiolo of Houston, Jane Powell of Baltimore, Quinton Pickelsimer of Marietta, Ga., Dan Marshall of Mitchell, S.D., Kerry Bird of Shreveport, La., and Glen Koch of Morrilton, Ark.

AEB's TSR program has graduated 161 persons since 1967. This is the only program of its type training blind or visually impaired persons for TSR work with the IRS.

'A Taste Of New Orleans' Came To AEB Last Month

One AEB recent visitor was a double treat. First its always nice for former trainees to return.

Second, this trainee, and also a former employee, was Candy Riedel of New Orleans and Candy very graciously shared her singing talent with AEB staff, trainees, Lions Clubs and other visitors to the rehabilitation center.

Twice she entertained Lions Clubs, each time charming the roaring Lions with her soft voice and easy listening music. First was the Little Rock Founders Club and then the North Little Rock Lions.

Her final AEB performance was during the College Prep Awards and Volunteer Appreciation Night. This time Candy was with her own because she was a college prep student at AEB in 1968.

She entered Loyola University of New Orleans and graduated with a music major. During her summers she would return to AEB and work as an abacus instructor. Anytime Candy was at AEB, there were always requests for her to sing.

After graduation Candy worked as an instructor at the Jewish Community Center in New Orleans. But "singing has always been my goal" and she began seeking an opportunity to sing professionally.

New Orleans would seem the right place for such a career with the "French Quarters" and jazz, with its many nightclubs and lounges. Candy's only search was

for the right spot, and avoiding the wrong.

"I auditioned for a job in the 'Quarters,' but the place was 'topless,' Candy recalls, "and I didn't care to be involved in such a place."

But the right opportunity came along approximately 15 months ago. Dan's International Lounge, located in Fats City, a section of restaurants and lounges, is where the local people go to avoid being tramped by the tourists.

Sitting at the piano bar, Candy entertains from 9 until 2 every Tuesday through Saturday. Mostly it's for steady customers who like the easy listening music. "Sometimes we have out-of-state customers who demand country songs," she adds.

"That keeps me busy learning five to seven new songs a week." This she does by listening to records and tapes.

Somewhere along the way she decided a short vacation was needed and came to AEB. While visiting in Little Rock, she was the guest of Mrs. Elise Diesel, AEB's recreation director.

And where there's Candy, there's bound to be requests for her songs. The North Little Rock Lions asked for an encore.

But because she once stood where they were standing, her performance before the College Prep students may have been her most important gig so far.

AEB for her college prep training and report her freshman grades of A's, B's and C's. Teresa was from Alexandria, La., when she was at AEB and attended Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La., her freshman year.

Where They Are Now News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Karlene Haingray (TSR '68) of Buffalo, New York, was recently selected as the Federal Employee of the Year in Buffalo. Karlene, a Taxpayer Service Representative in the Internal Revenue Service's Buffalo office, received the award at a luncheon in her honor. The award is given to the Federal employee who demonstrates outstanding service to the government and the local community. Karlene won over more than 10,000 employees from 65 federal agencies in the Buffalo area.

Vinnetta Dokey (AEB -75) of Baton Rouge, La., writes that she is working part-time in a vending stand and is continuing her church work. She reports that she and Frank Mangiaracina of Baton Rouge, La., (AEB '75) and his wife attended the recent wedding of Tony Scorsese and Eileen May (both AEB '75) in New Orleans.

Teresa Cutlip (College Prep '75)) of Jacksonville, AR writes to thank

Braille Newspaper

The Library of Congress has started producing and distributing the first national circulation of a Braille weekly newspaper, according to a report by the Associated Press.

The Braille edition is the same as the Large Type Weekly that's been produced by the New York Times since 1967. More than 11,000 readers receive the large-type edition.

Library sources said funds are available to emboss this edition over the next 15 months and reach a circulation of 1,500. The first effort was mailed to approximately 1,000 persons.

Blind readers interested in a free subscription to the Braille edition should send requests to: National Braille Press, Inc., 88 Stephen St., Boston, Mass., 02115.

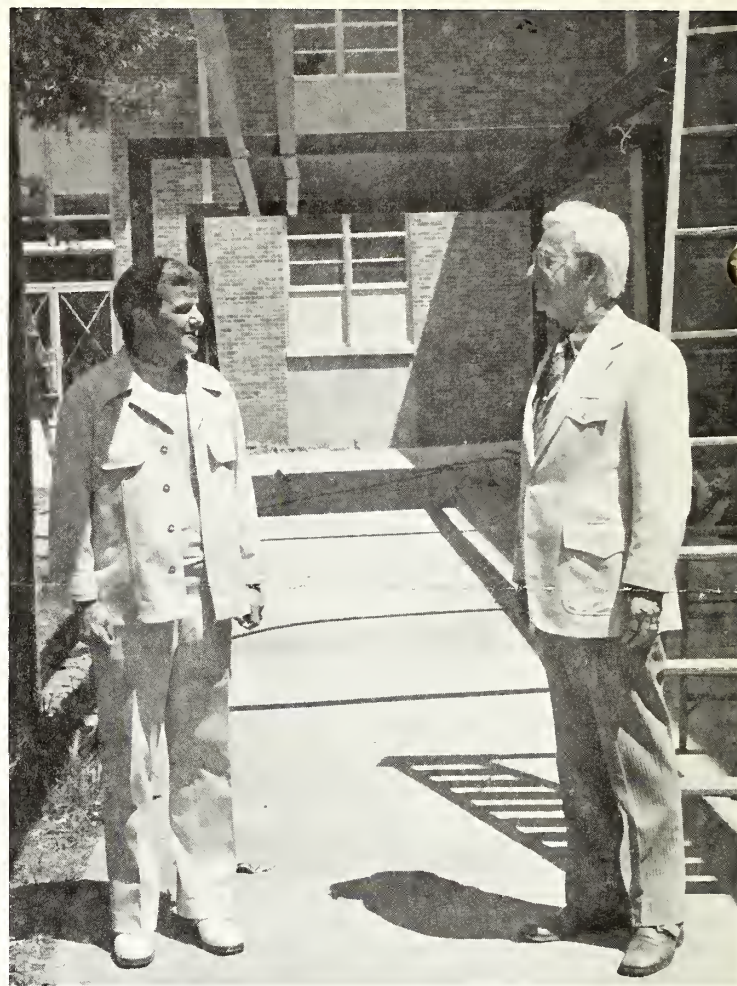
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A RECENT VISITOR to AEB was [left] Charles Fegan, executive director of the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind in Washington, D.C. AEB's executive director, Roy Kumpe, included AEB's new building [background] as part of a tour.

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THE WAY ITS DONE! Terry Whitfield of Benton (left), a trainee at AEB, and Charles M. Jefferies of Little Rock, state chairman of the White Cane sales, demonstrate the ease of attaching a White Cane sticker. [see story on this page].

Oak Forest Lions To Provide Scholarship

The Oak Forest Lions Club has established a \$400 scholarship, to be known as the Arnold Shipe memorial Scholarship, to be awarded to a blind student attending the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Basis for receiving the scholarship will be need, academic ability and leadership potential. The award is named in memory of Jerold Shipe, a five-year member of the Oak Forest Lions Club who died in May, 1976.

The scholarship committee will receive applications from any student but first consideration will be given to Arkansans meeting the criteria. The scholarship will be awarded annually and the committee anticipates naming the 1976 recipient in early October.

Dr. Allen Ward, a professor of speech communication at UALR and a member of the Oak Forest Lions is chairman of the selection committee. Other members are Dewey Lantrip, Otto Turner, Drew Avance and Norman Young.

Teamwork Brings Indian To AEB Center

Roy Kumpe, executive director of AEB, has always preached "teamwork" when discussing AEB's work with the blind. That teamwork played a major role in the arrival of Madhukar Vishmanath Shirdhonkar of India at AEB.

Mr. Shirdhonkar, who is blind, is the secretary of the Madhya Pradesh Welfare Association for the Blind and plans to take a year's training at AEB in counseling, rehabilitation teaching and orientation and mobility training.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the International Services for the Blind are sharing equally in the expense of Mr. Shirdhonkar's training.

On his return to India, Mr. Shirdhonkar plans to organize a rehabilitation program for the blind in Madhya Pradesh, India's largest state. According to Mr. Shirdhonkar, Madhya Pradesh does not have a single rehabilitation teacher for the blind.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT Fernando Sobrel of Sao Paulo, Brazil, came to AEB on Visiting District Governors from Neighboring State's Day and met a fellow American, Maria Elena Palomo of Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Miss Palomo, one of eight International trainees at AEB during the annual event, demonstrated the use of the white cane.

Lions Pointing To November 5, 6 As White Cane Days Campaign

Thousands of Arkansans will be wearing White Cane seals on November 5 and 6, showing their support for the work with the blind and visually impaired being carried on by the Arkansas Lions Clubs.

"Even more will wear the seals if the Arkansas Lions will join together and make this a statewide effort," Charles M. Jefferies of Little Rock, state White Cane chairman, says. "There's no reason why the Arkansas Lions cannot match other states in this annual event."

Lion Jefferies is looking for Arkansas' best "White Cane" sale. And so is Wendell Johnson of Fort Smith, chairman of the Arkansas Lions Committee for Sight Conservation and Work for the Blind.

Again this year the Sight Conservation committee has elected to use the easy-stick seals that were such a success last year. This eliminates the pinning of people's clothes, a process that

takes time and could damage the material.

Mr. Jefferies, who is also vice-chairman of the Sight Conservation committee and president of the Little Rock Park Plaza Lions, reported that the seals would cost \$12.50 per thousand this year.

Plans call for a statewide publicity campaign to precede the sale. Clubs who are participating in the campaign will receive sample news releases, photos, and radio and television scripts.

The Sight Conservation committee is recommending equally dividing the sale receipts between the local club's sight projects and the Arkansas Lions Sight committee. Jefferies pointed out that funds forwarded to the committee finance the two state projects — Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind and the Eye and Kidney Bank.

"Both of the state projects help local people in your community,"

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AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign

[as of September 15, 1976]

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	\$54,981.01	\$37,650.03
District I	11,886.61	8,704.95
District O	29,587.00	19,482.00
District N	16,615.56	11,387.20
District S	87,012.21	61,457.97
Other Pledges	64,370.03	57,317.53
Total	\$264,452.42	\$195,999.68

Australian Visitor Discusses Rehabilitation Work 'Down Under'

Teaching Braille, typing, the optacon, crafts, the use of the "long cane," and several vocational programs. Sounds like a listing of services provided by AEB.

That's true, but these services are also part of those provided by the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind in Melbourne, Australia.

AEB staff and trainees heard about the Australian program from Ralph Lightfoot, its director of rehabilitation. Mr. Lightfoot and his wife were touring facilities for the blind in the United States following the 13th Congress of Rehabilitation International in Tel Aviv, Israel, in June.

"We had heard so much about AEB," Mr. Lightfoot said, "that we felt compelled to visit Arkansas and see the rehabilitation center."

Although AEB and the Royal Victorian Institute have many similarities, Mr. Lightfoot indicated there were some differences. The Royal Institute is primarily vocational orientated. One of its largest programs is training blind people as switchboard operator for Telecom Australia.

"We have a unique program of outdoor activities," he pointed out as another difference between the two rehabilitation centers.

These outdoor activities include

camping, canoeing, bush hiking, snow skiing, and swimming. The Royal Institute's mobility staff organizes five-day canoe and camping trips.

Usual arrangement is for the blind person to sit in front of the canoe and the sighted person in back. There may be as many as 20 persons on a five-day canoe trip, Mr. Lightfoot explained.

(Jim Liska, an instructor in the University of Arkansas' master degree program for rehabilitation teaching and orientation and mobility, was a mobility instructor at the Royal Institute for several years.)

Other outdoor activities that clients at the Royal Institute engage in regularly include bowling, theater, ice skating and concerts.

The Australian program usually has 16 resident clients and six day clients. They serve the pre-school children, larger children and adults. Since its founding in 1963, Mr. Lightfoot reports the Center has worked with over 600 persons from Melbourne and the other Australian states.

Mr. Lightfoot pointed out that the Center was supported by private funds and trainee tuition. "We do get support from certain Lions Clubs in Australia," he added.

Little Rock Bank Honored For Work With Business Enterprise

The Arkansas Association of Blind Business Enterprise Managers presented its "Grantor of the Year Award" to Little Rock's Commercial National Bank at the organization's recent sales seminar in Little Rock.

The Business Enterprise Program gives this award each year to an individual or business which has shown special interest and appreciation for the program. The Commercial National Bank has been a long-time supporter by providing space in the main bank lobby for a food service facility.

The program, which employs 122 blind Arkansans, had total

sales of \$3.2 million in the fiscal year ending June 30.

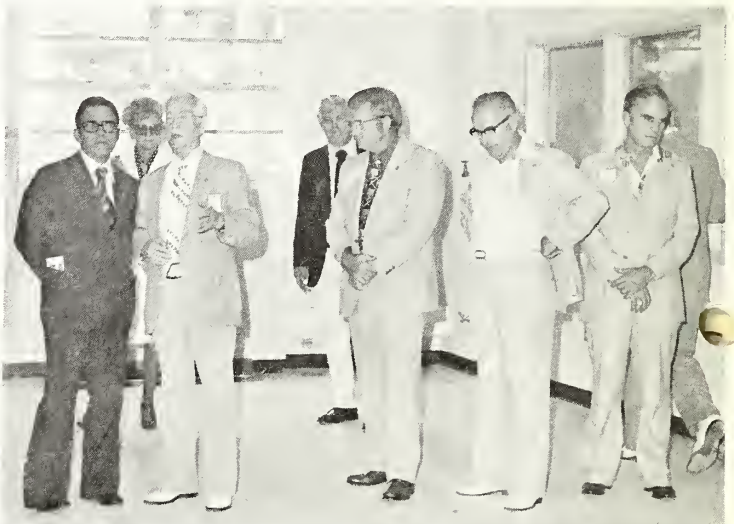
First employment of the blind as vending stand operators was made in 1939 by the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. From this early effort evolved the AEB Rehabilitation Center. The Business Enterprise Program is now administered by the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Through its vocational program, especially its recent Small Business Management course, AEB has trained and rehabilitated many of the vending stand operators in Arkansas. This was reflected in that nine of the 21 persons receiving service pins at the seminar were former AEB trainees.

They were J. B. Atnip (1955), Thomas Clutter (1958) and Ralph Preston (1960), all of Fort Smith, 15 years service; Everett Satterfield (1960) of Little Rock, 15 years; Bobby Lamb (1961) of Little Rock, 10 years; Jake Cummings (1966) of Hope, 10 years; George Gage (1970) of North Little Rock, five years; Carrie Taylor (1967) of Little Rock, five years; and Elois Keith (1967) of Eudora.



DESCRIBING SERVICES PROVIDED by the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind, Ralph Lightfoot, its director of rehabilitation, makes a point as he addresses a large group at AEB. Seated are Duane Balentine, AEB's director of vocational services; and Mrs. Lightfoot.



ROY KUMPE, AEB's executive director, shows International President Sobral the new building that's nearing completion. Also on the tour were, left from Kumpe, Dr. Lacy Presnell, International Director from North Carolina; James E. "Bing" Miller, International Director from Pennsylvania; and Ed Flood of Texas.

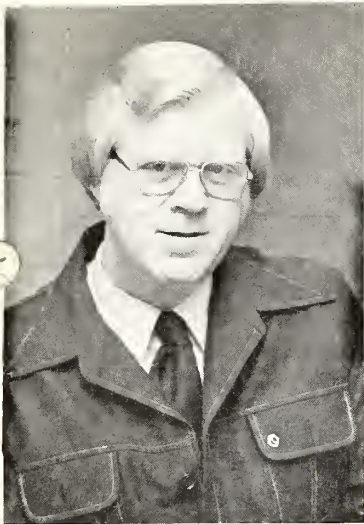


PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR Dr. Jim Fowler of Little Rock issued the Challenge of Tomorrow to the Lions attending the District Governor's Day at AEB. He's flanked by President Sobral and 2nd Vice-President Ralph Lynam of Michigan.

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he emphasized, "AEB served more than 75 Arkansans in both personal adjustment and vocational training last year. This does not include the Older Blind Program that worked with 175 persons in all 75 counties.

"The Eye and Kidney Bank provided for 33 kidney transplants and 29 cornea transplants. All of the kidney transplants were performed in Little Rock, but the cornea transplants were performed in various cities."



Ken Tullos

Meet the Staff

Kenneth Tullos of Little Rock is one of the latest additions to AEB's staff. Ken joined the rehabilitation center as a counselor in June.

A native of Cabot, he graduated from the Arkansas School for the Blind, earned his BSE at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway and is currently working on his Master's in rehabilitation counseling at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He has accrued graduate hours at the University of Virginia and at Southern Illinois University.

Ken came to AEB from the Arkansas Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired where he was a rehabilitation counselor assigned to Pulaski County. He taught at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton, Va., five years before returning to Arkansas.

He is a member of the Oak Forest Lions Club, the National Rehabilitation Association, the American Association of Workers for the Blind and the Association for the Education of the Visually Handicapped.

Ken lists his hobbies as home mechanics, sports and accompanying himself on the guitar.

He and his wife, Linda, have a son, Kevin, three years old.

By-LIONS



... All Around Arkansas

The West Helena Evening Lions Club has a member they believe may be the oldest active Lion in Arkansas. E. C. Ewart of West Helena celebrated his 88th birthday and eight years perfect attendance recently. Lion Ewart, a charter member of the club, conducts the club's industrial broom sale. Some personal data, Lion Ewart moved from Illinois to rural Phillips County, Arkansas, in 1892. He moved to Helena in 1892. He recalls when the city of West Helena was nothing but woods and cotton fields.

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind has had a number of visitors from Lions Clubs around the state. On September 20, the Plumerville Lions visited, and on September 21, the Searcy Noon Lions visited AEB. The Searcy Breakfast Lions toured the rehabilitation center on September 27. Two clubs are scheduled for October visits: the Pine Bluff Evening Lions on October 19 and the Hot Springs Village Lions on October 20.

AEB Gets Notice Of Former Trainee Death

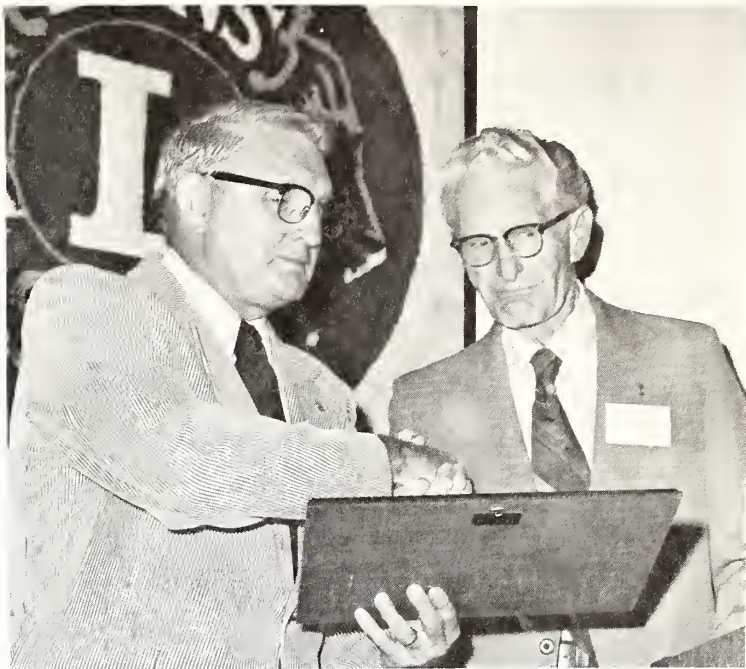
The AEB staff was recently saddened to receive word of the death of Eugene E. Brown Jr. (TSR '73) of Stoughton, Wisc., on August 22.

His widow, the former Donna Wall (AEB '73), wrote AEB to inform of his death.

Earlier the Browns had shared with their friends the announcement of their son's birth. Todd Edward was born July 28.

Following his Taxpayer Service Representative training at the rehabilitation center, Eugene worked for the Internal Revenue Service in Denver.

Mrs. Brown indicated in the letter that she and Todd would remain in Wisconsin, but would move to Madison sometime soon.



APPRECIATION FOR HIS WORK as last year's chairman of the Arkansas Lions Sight Conservation Committee was shown Nyle Oswalt (left) of Helena with the presentation of a plaque from the Committee. Wendell Johnson of Fort Smith, this year's chairman, made the presentation at the 30th Sight Conservation Forum.



SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF AEB's trainees from other countries, Mrs. Veronica Ezejioko of Nigeria, Africa, addresses the District Governor's Day Lions as President Sobral looks on.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Bob Neumann (AEB '69) and his wife, Sunshine (she was Willene Foster, AEB '69) of Laguna Hills, Calif., recently wrote AEB and enclosed some news clippings about their activities. Bob has been re-elected president of the Laguna Hills Lions Club for an unprecedented second term. The Laguna Hills Lions also have donated a ham radio to Bob and he will soon be joining the Eye Net, the radio network that passes along information for the blind.

Arlene Williams Hebert of Lake

Charles, La. (Medical Transcriber '75) reports that she recently began working as a secretary for the State of Louisiana. Her husband, Paul (SMB '75) is manager of a vending stand in Lake Charles. Arlene is a native of Fort Smith.

Virginia Motley of Blairs, Va. (AEB '69) recently wrote AEB. She reports she recently took Food Services training at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, and worked for a short time at the university.

Very Important Phone Numbers

During the 30th Lions Sight Conservation Forum, questions were raised as how to contact the agencies represented. Here are the telephone numbers of those agencies, all are in Little Rock:

Arkansas Childrens Hospital
Arkansas Department of Health
Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind
Arkansas Library Commission
Arkansas School for the Blind
Eye and Kidney Bank
Office of the Blind and Visually Impaired

374-4621
661-2000
664-7100
371-1524
663-4185
664-4990
371-1601

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Joe M. Thompson by Dr. Thomas D. Honeycutt
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Dr. Andrew Adams, RSA Commissioner, Pays AEB A Visit

Dr. Andrew S. Adams, commissioner of the federal Rehabilitation Service Administration (RSA), was the speaker for a special noon luncheon for trainees, staff and board members at AEB on October 29.

While at the rehabilitation center, Dr. Adams was presented AEB's Distinguished Service Award for his work with Progress With Industry Projects. That wasn't his only award. Louis Rives, Jr., administrator of the state Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired, represented Governor [unclear] and presented Dr. Adams with an "Arkansas Travelers" certificate.

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Columnist Mentions AEB's CSIS Program

Among those concerned with AEB and who happen to be regular readers of Sylvia Porter's column, "Your Money's Worth," got a pleasant surprise when the syndicated columnist mentioned AEB recently.

In a five part feature that appeared in a large number of Arkansas newspapers, as well as national ones, Ms. Porter called attention to AEB's Civil Service Information Specialist program as one program helping the handicapped, in this case the blind, find employment.

The feature spotlighted industry's effort to hire the handicapped. She pointed out that AEB was a private, non-profit rehabilitation center that was producing prospective employees for any number of information-type industry jobs.

Ms. Porter isn't a stranger to anyone at AEB. Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director and the writer, met in Washington during a meeting of the President's Committee On Employment of the Handicapped.



AEB'S INTERNATIONAL TRAINEES

There are two primary reasons for this increase in service to persons from other countries. One is the increased international reputation of AEB as a rehabilitation center for the blind, and the other is the increased number of scholarships available from the International Services for the Blind.

The scholarships from ISB are the result of the sale of light bulbs to Lions Clubs and other civic organizations for their fund raising efforts.

During the fiscal year that ended June 30, the light bulb sales from the Westinghouse Lamp Division in Little Rock, totaled 13,286 cases of bulbs. According to Bob Shephard, AEB's business administrator, 265,720 packages containing 1,594,320 light bulbs were sold. The total wattage of these bulbs were 124,884,400 watts.

The distributorship of these light bulbs created \$38,815 in scholarships this past year.

International Population At AEB Climbs To Ten Trainees

When the AEB Rehabilitation Center has a roll call of other countries that currently have trainees taking rehabilitation training at the rehabilitation center — it sounds like the United Nations.

Japan . . . Nigeria . . . Philippines . . . India . . . Dominican Republic . .

And that's just a partial list of the countries represented at AEB. Nine nations, spanning the globe, are represented at AEB. They are blind or sighted citizens from those countries engaging in personal adjustment or professional training. The international trainees represent almost 15 per cent of AEB's client population.

In addition to those countries already named, the others are Colombia, Mexico, Taiwan and Bolivia. There are two trainees from Japan at AEB, and a trainee from Panama is expected to arrive soon.

This is AEB's largest number of international trainees since the first one arrived from Korea in 1955.

ISB also looks for scholarship funds from private individuals and foundations. Two professional trainees at the rehabilitation center are being stipended by a \$4,936 grant from Lions International Foundation, Inc. of Oak Brook, Illinois.

AEB's international trainees are:

Hideyuki Eguchi

Eguchi is a professional trainee from Fukuoka, Japan. He entered training at AEB in August, 1975, and is working to be an orientation and mobility instructor. He is on the staff of the National

Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Fukuoka and is a member of the Department of Health and Welfare. In addition to his training at AEB, Eguchi is also attending the University of Arkansas' master degree program in Little Rock.

Veronica Ezejiro

Mrs. Ezejiro is a professional trainee from Nsukka, Nigeria. She is a social welfare officer who entered training at AEB in October, 1975. When she returns to her home country, she will form a rehabilitation center similar to

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AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign [as of October 25, 1976]

Arkansas Lions Club	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	\$56,651.51	\$38,756.36
District I	13,882.61	10,935.95
District O	29,687.00	20,131.00
District N	17,165.56	12,037.20
District S	86,887.21	62,591.22
Other Pledges (out of state Lions staff, and other friends)	64,799.86	57,730.36
Total	\$269,073.75	\$202,182.90

Drama Readers Give Two 'Night Of January 16th' Performances

"Not guilty!"

Those words from jury foreman Ken Tullos freed Karen Andre (Margo McDanel) from the murder charges of killing her lover, Bjorn Faulkner.

The spectator-filled courtroom broke into applause and cheering as Miss Andre, facing the jury, thanked them "in the name of Bjorn Faulkner."

Those words also ended the AEB Drama Reader's October 5 production of "Night of January 16th," a courtroom drama written by Ayn Rand. (By special request, the group performed the play a second time on October 14 for students of the Arkansas School for the Blind.)

A cast of 13 AEB trainees, both regular and vocational, with the help of several staff members,

presented the drama in the Pulaski County courtroom of Judge William Wood. The courtroom was filled with trainees, staff members, relatives, friends and volunteers.

The state's case, led by District Attorney Flint (Russ Cygan) appeared to have the conviction just about wrapped up as the Prosecutor paraded witness after witness—all pointing to Karen Andre as a murderess.

Prosecution witnesses included Dr. Kirkland (Ray Haley), the medical examiner; John Hutchins (Phillips Flowers), the nightwatchman; Homer Van Fleet (AEB staff member Ernest Gephardt), the private detective; Elmer Sweeney (Kerry Bird), the police inspector; Nancy Lee Faulkner (Marda Anderson), Faulkner's widow; Magda Svenson (Bonnie Schave), the housekeeper; and John Graham Writfield (Dan Marshall), Faulkner's father-in-law.

On the defense side of the table were Defense Attorney Stevens (Diana Askew) and the defendant, Miss Andre. Testifying for the defense were a police handwriting expert (Paula Buratt), Mr. Jungquist (Steve Robertson), Faulkner's bookkeeper; "Guts" Regan (Joe Scalzi), an underworld character; and the defendant.

Four staff members played the roles of judge and court clerk. During the first performance Duane Balentine was the judge and Jim Davis the clerk. For the second performance Marion Madison played the judge and Pete Gregson was the clerk.

The play's director, producer, stage hand and prop person was Elise Diesel, AEB's recreation coordinator.

For both performances just as the play was presented on Broadway, the jury was selected from the audience. Both verdicts were not guilty, but the jury during the second performance had a difficult time making a verdict.

Well . . . that's show biz.



MOMENT OF TRUTH — when Karen Andre (Margo McDanel) learns from "Guts" Regan (Joe Scalzi) that Bjorn Faulkner is dead and not waiting for her in South America as they had planned. This scene occurred near the end of Act II.



JOHNETTE WEISS, AEB abacus instructor, and **Dr. Howard Winton** of Melbourne, Fla., immediate past president of the American Optometric Association, compare their work on the abacus. Checking their accuracy is **Dr. Don Freel** of Hope, AEB board member and president of the Ark. AOA. Dr. Freel was instrumental in the Arkansas Chapter of the AOA adopting a resolution urging the national body to support the National Accrediting Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped.

AEB Exhibits Go To Several Fairs

Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind has made a number of fairs this fall—both on the county level as well as the Arkansas State Fair in Little Rock.

Exhibits from AEB, and in some cases AEB people, were involved in the effort to acquaint the public with AEB and its programs.

The Saline County 4-H Club had a booth at the Saline County Fair that featured volunteer activities for those that are interested in being a part of AEB's volunteer auxiliary. Louis Pais, son of AEB's Amy Pais, and other club members set up and manned the booth that won third place.

There were two other AEB winners at the Saline County Fair. Josephine Leyco of the Philippines won first place in handicrafts, and Teri Whitfield of Benton won a second place ribbon in handicrafts.

Amy Pais, coordinator of trainee services, and Margo McDanel, a vocational trainee in the TSR program, participated in a booth at the Nevada County Fair in Prescott.

AEB's three-fold panel was used by the Hot Springs Downtown Lions at the Garland County Fair in Hot Springs, and the Clarksville Lions used the slide-show and tape presentation at the Johnson County Fair.

The Southwest Lions of Little Rock used both pieces of equipment at the Arkansas State Fair. During the state fair's run in Little Rock, several AEB staff members worked at the Arkansas Society for the Prevention of Blindness' booth in the Hall of Industry.

DR. ADAMS VISITS AEB . . . (Continued from Page 1)

In his post as head of the RAS, which is a part of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Dr. Adams shares the responsibility of administering the Federal-State programs through which federal funds provide for rehabilitation services to the handicapped.

Confined to a wheelchair, a consequence of polio in 1951, Dr. Adams has served as RSA commissioner since 1974. Prior to this appointment by President

Richard Nixon, he was deputy director of the Education and Rehabilitation Service, Veterans Administration.

During his visit to AEB, Dr. Adams heard reports on the Progress With Industry program at AEB. The project was first funded in 1973 and has been supplemented three times.

A news conference for the local media was held in AEB's new library in the rehabilitation center's \$700,000 new addition.

Puska On Committee

Don Puska, AEB's technology specialist, was named chairman of the Little Rock Parkview High School Business Education Advisory Committee.

The nine-member panel has dual purpose of advising the school on changing its business methods in its offices, and to attempt to place students in work programs.

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

"My hardest decision ever was to leave home and go to AEB... my next hardest decision was leaving AEB." Those were the words written by Mrs. Velva Douchet of LeBeau, LA, (AEB '76) recently. It was a thank you letter for the personal adjustment training she had received at the rehabilitation center. She had special words of praise for several



Ann Keathley

Meet the Staff

Ann Keathley has been supervisor of Housing and Food Services at AEB just over three years.

Ann attended Little Rock Junior College and graduated from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, with a degree in Home Economics. She returned to the University of Arkansas, Little Rock and added Elementary Education to her degree. She is now working on her master's at UALR in rehabilitation counseling.

Mrs. Keathley has taught home economics in Harrison, Ark., the sixth grade in Jacksonville, Fla., and the sixth grade in Ann Arbor, Mich.

As a member of the North Little Rock Junior Service League, Mrs. Keathley was chairman of the committee that organized the Windamere Day Care Center. She served four years on the Governors Advisory Committee for Day Care Centers. This committee was charged with rewriting the standards for day care centers in the state.

A member of the First Christian Church, Mrs. Keathley is a member of the choir and a sponsor for Junior High activities. She is a member of the American Council of the Blind, Arkansas Chapter, and the American Association of Workers for the Blind.

Mrs. Keathley is the mother of four children, ages 14, 13, 10 and 8.

members of the staff and was very complimentary of the Housing and Food Service staff. Mrs. Douchet is now at home, reporting she is continuing to work on her training, and says she "... is happy to again be accepted by her community and family and to once again be an active mother."

Mrs. Elise Diesel, AEB's recreation coordinator, has shared a letter she received from Sylvia Roose of Antwerp, Belgium (ISB '75). Miss Roose expressed her hope of returning to the rehabilitation center for additional training. She reports her mobility training is serving her well and she sent her regards to fellow trainees and AEB's staff.

Former trainee, Mrs. John (Edith) Kearns of Silver Springs, MD (AEB '71), recently renewed her subscription for *New Life*. She reports that over the years that she has had numerous occasions to recall and appreciate the positive attitude and confidence in her ability she learned at AEB.

A graduate of AEB's last Taxpayers Service Representative course has started work with the Internal Revenue Service office in New Orleans. Jim Stanga of Covington, LA (TSR '76) reports working a short time in the New Orleans office, then attending the pre-filing season work session in Dallas. He reports a warm reception from his fellow workers in New Orleans and notes that his training from AEB has prepared him for his job. He has also visited with LeRoy Cordova (TSR '74) who he credits with an excellent job of paving the way for the blind in the New Orleans office.

AEB has learned of the deaths of three former trainees. They were:

James Puryear of Hope, Ark. (AEB '72) died October 5. He was in training for a short time, then returned to Hope. He worked at the Meyers Bakery. During the span between AEB and his death, Mr. Puryear was a big booster of AEB and its programs. He was a member of the Hope Lions Club.

Mrs. Gertude Albert of Enid, Okla., (AEB '69) died recently of a heart attack. After leaving AEB, Mrs. Albert was very active in talking up AEB before clubs, churches and organizations.

Tom Prien of Monroe, Wis., (AEB '74 and '75) died April 15. A letter from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Prien, informed AEB of his death. His parents have provided a memorial gift that is helping purchase a newly-developed machine that allows blind diabetics to run their own urinalysis test.



THE WATERMELON CAPITAL of the World sent its best to AEB recently. Sixteen Hope watermelons were donated to the rehabilitation center by the Hope Lions Club. Trainees, and some staff members, too, gathered in AEB's quadrangle after lunch for watermelon eating and championship seed spitting. Tilden "Cotton" Guidry, mobility instructor, hands a slice to Joe Scalzi of Lubbock, Tex., as Diane Askew of St. Petersburg, Fla., waits for a slice.

FOREIGN TRAINEES CLIMBS TO TEN... (Continued from Page 1)

AEB under the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. While at AEB, Mrs. Ezejiofo has been working on her bachelor in social work at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Josephine Leyco

Miss Leyco, who is blind, is in personal adjustment training at AEB, having entered the rehabilitation center in June, 1976. Her home is Calauag, Quezon, Philippines, but she was living temporarily in the United States when referred to AEB. She is a graduate of the College of the Holy Spirit in Manila and has a bachelor of science in Pharmacy.

Maria Elena Palomo

Miss Palomo, who is blind, is a professional trainee from Santa Cruz, Bolivia, S.A. She had been an instructor of Braille in a small, private School for the Blind in La Paz prior to entering AEB in June, 1976. Miss Palomo is co-sponsored in training by the Partners of Americas, Arkansas Chapter.

Altagracia Fabian

Miss Fabian, who is blind, is in vocational training at AEB. She is from Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic and entered AEB in July, 1976. Miss Fabian has a vocational objective of switchboard operator.

Lucia Canizares

Miss Canizares entered professional training at AEB in July, 1976. She is from Bogota, Colombia, S.A. She holds a B.S. in social work and worked as Director of Social Work for the National Institute for the Blind in Bogota. At AEB, Miss Canizares is training in rehabilitation teaching and is also attending the University of Arkansas Rehabilitation Program at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

Martha Julieta Sanchez

Miss Sanchez is a professional trainee from Mexico City and entered AEB in August, 1976. She holds an elementary school teacher's degree and taught the fifth and sixth grades for two years. Miss Sanchez is training to be an orientation and mobility instructor. She was referred to AEB by Mrs. Ruth Covo, a member of the ISB Board of Directors.

Mudhukar Vishwanath Shirdhonkar

Shirdhonkar, who is blind, entered professional training at AEB in September, 1976. He is from Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India. He has worked as director of the Madhya Pradesh Welfare Association for the Blind since its inception in 1960. While at AEB he will be training in the areas of counseling, rehabilitation teaching and orientation and mobility. Shirdhonkar is sponsored at AEB by the Rotary International Foundation.

Jimmy Chi

Chi, who is blind, is a professional trainee from Taipei, Taiwan. He entered training in October, 1976. Chi has been the General Secretary of the Taipei Benevolent Educational Society for the Blind since 1973, and had been self-employed as a masseur prior to arriving at AEB.

Kana Shimasaki

Miss Shimasaki, who is blind, is AEB's second Japanese in training. She entered in October, 1976, and will be taking personal adjustment training. Miss Shimasaki has been attending the Westminster Schools in Atlanta, Ga. Her transportation to and from the U.S. was sponsored by the Lions of Japan.

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

James W. Kent by Al Wilmoth

Ottis Dunn by Searcy Breakfast Lions Club

George Dickey by Mrs. Julian Apple and Dr. and Mrs. A. W. McClanahan

Helen Rhodes by G. M. Rhodes

James Francis Smith by R. H. Shaddock

M. Justis Matlock by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Erle Biggs by Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Morley

Mrs. Roberta Hurley by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gurley

Ralph Tucker by Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Walton

Mrs. Mary E. Eby by Mr. and Mrs. Ward Jukes

Mrs. Myrtle Baggett by Mrs. C. A. Dawson and Marion

Clarence Morrison Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woodard

J. Alexander Leech by Mrs. Pearl Daly, Ms. Inez Schubert and Ms. Bernice Noakes

Loyce Hill Graham by Miss Lila Lampkin and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Mrs. Evelyn Lane by Col. and Mrs. W. B. Whitacre

John B. Nothhelfer by Col. and Mrs. W. B. Whitacre

B. B. Vance by Mr. and Mrs. James Stallcup

Earl Barrett by Mrs. Andrew Hulsey

H. E. Jones by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Beard, Jr. and Clarendon Lions Club

Clerval Jones by Mrs. Andrew Hulsey

Mrs. Nora Parker by Searcy Lions Club

Lowell Patterson by Searcy Lions Club

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Rose by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Allen

Victor Lottmann by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Covington

Joe Mano, Sr. by Miss Lila Lampkin and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe

Peter L. Smith by Cherokee Village Indians Lions Club

Mrs. Ella Payne Pritchard by Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Morley

Mrs. Sinnie Campbell by Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Jackson

Ernest Roe by Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Hughes

Clyde Brodnax by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman

Mrs. Helen Gershner by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shepard

Mrs. Jim McLellan Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Maas, Jr.

Mrs. Pearl Adcock by Roy Kumpe and AEB Staff and Mrs. Marie Pumphrey Brown

Dr. James Reinberger by Mr. and Mrs. Truman Newton

Henry Ethel Jones by A. G. Stone

Henry Cochran by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe and Miss Lila Lampkin

Glover C. Smith by Col. and Mrs. W. B. Whitacre

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parnell by Dr. and Mrs. A. W. McClanahan

Mrs. Estelle Foster by Dr. and Mrs. A. W. McClanahan

Gus Pappas by Dr. and Mrs. A. W. McClanahan

Phil McCorkle by Dr. and Mrs. A. W. McClanahan

Miss Kerry Lea McCollum by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette

Paul Madden by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mowrey

Fred C. Blackburn by E. M. Trimble

French Rowe by The Luther E. Burns Family

Eugene Brown by Mrs. Eugene Brown

Ms. Lillian Manley by Ms. Nina C. Morley and Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Morley

Mrs. Burton Tompkins by Dr. J. M. Fowler

R. E. Jeter by Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hoover

Mrs. Iva Greenway by White Hall Lions Club

W. W. Voights by Cherokee Village Lions Club



AEB'S DATA PROCESSING Advisory Committee held its first meeting last month. The committee is working on guidelines to make the best use of AEB's computer equipment. Those attending the meeting were, left to right, Jerry Blackburn, University of Arkansas Medical Services; Don Puska, AEB technology specialist; Chris Edelmann, AEB computer programmer; Fred Johnson, retired Internal Revenue Service employee; Bill Cypert, Blue Cross; and Don Jarvis, Worthen Bank.

Two Letters

Watch For Yours!

Two AEB letters are going out — one's new, but the other has been around for a number of years.

First, the new one. Really it's an information sheet that was originally designed for the District Governors. Called the *President's Letter*, this one-page publication contains information the District Governor might find useful when visiting clubs and talking about AEB.

The first issue from AEB President Gene Browne of Jonesboro was mailed in October. Subsequent issues will be mailed, to a greatly expanded audience, around the first of each month.

Even before the first letter was mailed, the mailing list was increased to include the deputy District Governors and the Zone Chairmen. The November letter will include members of the AEB board. If the letter is well received, the local presidents and secretaries will be included.

The other letter is the one that is mailed annually to those who are sustaining members at AEB. This year's mailing, which will be put into the mail, will go to more than

1,500 persons, all within Arkansas.

Last year this letter received the best percentage response ever. There were 539 answers that contributed \$8,653.53 to AEB.

Each person who contributes through this program receives *New Life* and a membership card. More important, the support received from sustaining members enables the rehabilitation center to provide services to the blind.

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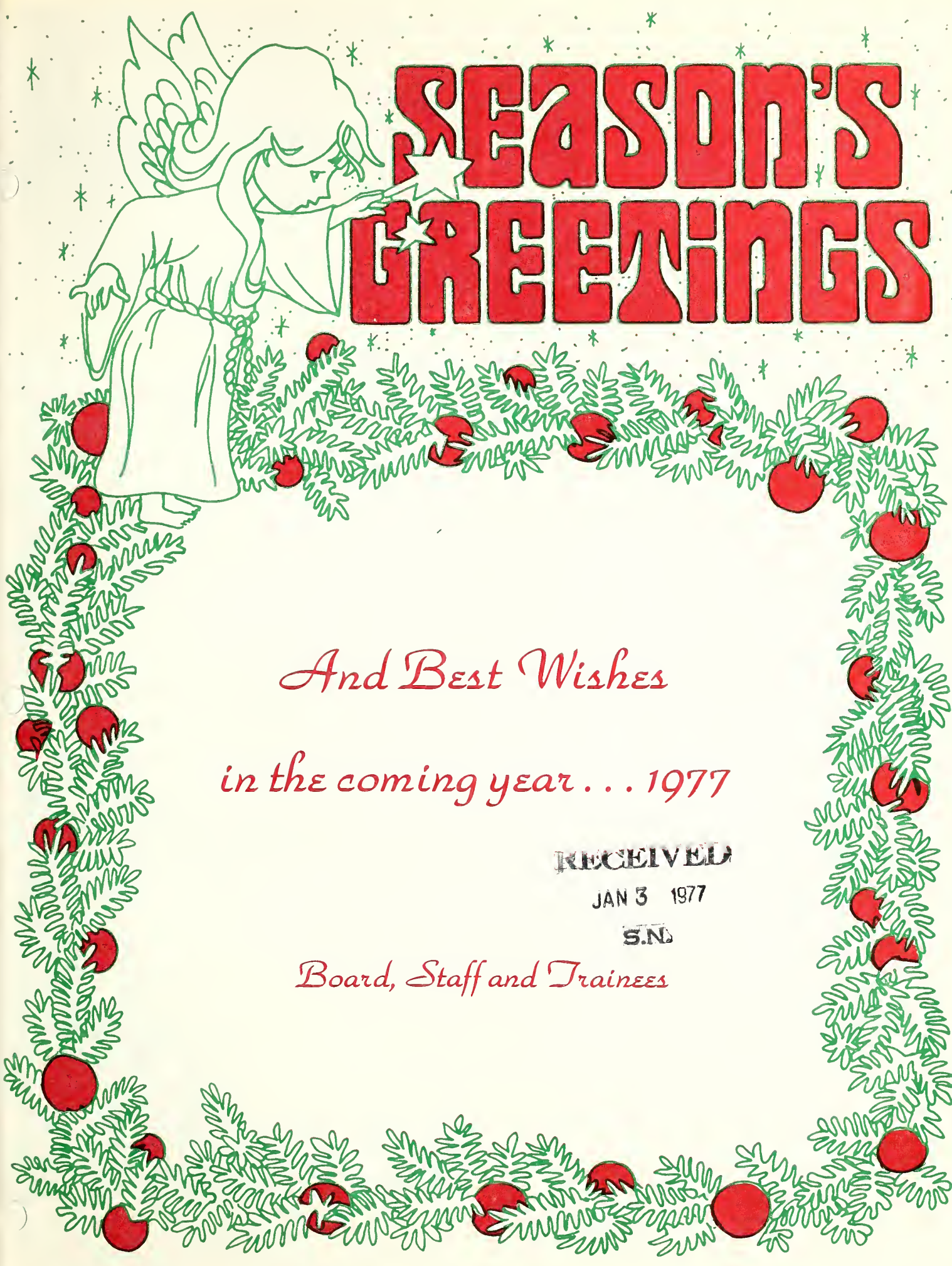
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LEWIS HOSKINS, an instructor's aide at AEB, spoke at a recent Hot Springs South Lions Club's fish-fry. Hoskins, who is deaf and blind, and Jim Mowrey, AEB's deaf-blind specialist, explained AEB's deaf-blind program and answered questions. The pair have spoken recently at the Camden, Hot Springs Village and the Murfreesboro Lions Clubs.



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Board, Staff and Trainees



ADAMS' AWARD — Ed Barry, past president of Lions International and past president of AEB, presented AEB's Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Andrew S. Adams, commissioner of the Rehabilitation Service Administration. Dr. Adams recently spoke to a trainee banquet at AEB.

RSA Commissioner Visits AEB

Dr. Andrew S. Adams, commissioner of the Rehabilitation Service Administration, recently spoke at a trainee banquet, toured AEB and received the rehabilitation center's Distinguished Service Award.

Really a busy schedule for a one-day visit that actually lasted less than five hours.

Dr. Adams addressed more than 200 trainees, board members, special guests, staff and representatives of the news media at AEB's monthly trainee banquet. Trainees conducting this banquet were Glen Koch, a TSR trainee from Morrilton, AR, and Marda Anderson of Bernardston, MA, who voiced the invocation.

Dr. Adams, in his post as head of RSA, a part of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, administers the federal-state programs through which federal funds provide rehabilitation services to the handicapped.

At AEB, this includes Progress With Industry projects and the Older Blind Program.

Dr. Adams praised the work being done at AEB and paid particular attention to the Progress With Industry, projects that have placed blind workers in jobs with private industry and the federal government. In numbers, this is 41 civil service information specialist and two Southwestern Bell employees.

For his work with these projects, Dr. Adams was awarded the

Distinguished Service Award by AEB. Making the presentation was Ed Barry, Sr., past president of Lions International and AEB. Dr. Jim Fowler, past Lions International director and past president of AEB, represented Gov. David Pryor and presented the visitor with an "Arkansas Travelers" certificate.

Following the luncheon, Dr. Adams was escorted on a tour of the rehabilitation center by Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director. This included a stop in the library of the new building for a news conference before representatives of television, newspapers and radio.

In addition to holding the first news conference in AEB's new library, Dr. Adams performed another first. His was the first wheel chair to use the ramp on Tyler Street as a part of AEB's barrier-free facilities. Because he was the first to use the ramp, the building committee has dedicated it as "The Commissioner's Ramp" and a plaque will be placed to indicate Dr. Adams' visit.

Speaking to his luncheon audience, and reiterated before the news media, Dr. Adams pointed out that 300,000 handicapped persons were rehabilitated to useful employment last year. "These persons will earn up to \$20 for every dollar spent on their rehabilitation," Dr. Adams said.

Special guests at the luncheon



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HANDICAPPED CONFERENCE — Jack F. Smith, executive director of the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals, was in town for the Governor's Conference on Handicapped individuals and Roy Kumpe, AEB's executive director, invited him out for a tour. A number of AEB staff members attended the Governor's Conference.

included John Killingsworth and Jack Case, Internal Revenue Service; Carl Woodyear and Jack McSpadden, Southwestern Bell; Midge Morrow, U.S. Civil Service Commission; and Billy Cypert, Blue Cross, and Jerry Blackburn, University of Arkansas Medical Services Campus, both members of the AEB Data Processing Advisory Committee.

Another special guest was Jim Elder, former baseball umpire and currently radio announcer for the Arkansas Travelers baseball games. Elder presented Adams two baseballs, one autographed by

the Travelers and the other by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Adams was a professional baseball player prior to being confined to a wheelchair by polio in 1951. He pitched for the Travelers in 1948 and was a member of the Cleveland Indian staff for a short time.

AEB Programs Earn Good TV Coverage

AEB has received some outstanding television coverage on several of its programs recently.

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New Volume???

The last issue (November) of *New Life* carried on its masthead the Volume XXIV (24) and was Number 10 for the year. Following normal procedures, the first issue in 1977, the combined December-January, would begin the 25th year of publication.

Tain't so! Check the first issue of *New Life*; it was published May, 1954.

Somewhere along the line the publications were adjusted so that a new volume began with the Dec.-Jan. issue. How it jumped two years ahead is a mystery.

Now, by a simple change on the masthead, the Volume is being set back to XXIII. *New Life* is beginning its 23rd year instead of its 25th.

Happy Birthday!

Where They Are Now

News Items of Interest About Former Trainees

Russell Douglas (Deaf-Blind '75) of Jackson, Tenn., has been named Handicapped Citizen of the Year for Jackson-Madison Counties. Russell has been employed for several months in the Jackson-Madison County hospital's laundry room.

Belinda Turner (Vocational '75) of Marston, Mo., is now working as a switchboard operator for the Pemiscot County Division of Family Services in Caruthersville, Mo. She reports that advancements by the Bell Telephone Company allow her to work the board without a light probe. She is also getting help from the Missouri State Prison. A Braille file system that will contain more than 4,000 names is being prepared for her at the prison.



Marion Biddle

Meet the Staff

Marion Biddle, employed at AEB since February, 1969, is the instructor for the Small Business Management course, an instructor for the Optacon and supervisor of the Snack Bar.

Her first job assignment at the rehabilitation center was instructor in Home Management. She was also Housing and Food supervisor prior to assuming her vocational instructor's role.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas with a degree in Home Economics, Mrs. Biddle's background includes home economist for the Apex Corporation, a job that required traveling in 11 western states, and two years with the Economic Opportunity Commission in New Mexico.

Mrs. Biddle also took time to serve her country during both World War II and the Korean Conflict. She entered the service as a cook and was discharged as a Captain. She was recalled to duty during the Korean Conflict.

Her family includes a son and two daughters. She is a member of the America Association of Workers for the Blind.

Eight Now Ready For IRS Work After AEB's 27th TSR Class

AEB's 27th Taxpayer Service Representative program has prepared eight more blind individuals for the Internal Revenue Service payroll.

According to Duane Balentine, AEB's director of vocational training, it appears all will be employed by the IRS, if not immediately, at least by the beginning of the new year.

This brings to 169 the number of persons trained by this five-month program since 1967.

The grads, and where they will be working (if known), are Thomas Lovejoy of Rochester, Minn., Little Rock; Joseph Scalzi of Lubbock, Tex., unknown; Margo McDanel of Fort Worth, St. Louis; Jane Powell of Baltimore, Baltimore; Pete Carguiolo of Houston, unknown; Dan Marshall of Mitchell, S.D., St. Louis; Kerry Bird of Shreveport, New Orleans; and Glen Koch of Morrilton, unknown.

This does not count a former TSR grad, John Reintsma, who audited this class. A former IRS employee in Portland, Ore., and a member of the 1970 class at AEB, Reintsma will be returning to IRS work in St. Louis.

Dan Dull Retires As TSR Instructor

The ending of AEB's 27th TSR class also ended Dan Dull's tenure as instructor for the course. He is retiring.

Dull began as a TSR instructor in 1969, and except for a very small number has taught every blind TSR that is working or has worked in the IRS's 58 offices.

Prior to coming to AEB, Dull taught bookkeeping in high school and business college. He also worked more than 15 years as a bookkeeper for several local firms.

Dan is secretary of the North Little Rock Park Hill Lions Club.



CALIFORNIA VISITOR — Dr. Robert Moore [standing], president of the Orange Coast Community College in Costa Mesa, Calif., stopped at AEB while on a two-month tour of rehabilitation facilities. He chatted with members of AEB's TSR program, including Glen Koch of Morrilton, AR, and Tom Lovejoy of Rochester, Minn. Dr. Moore's school is attempting to meet the needs of handicapped students and is searching for ways to improve his program.



PRESIDENT'S GRANDSON — With a voting machine behind him and the Great Seal of the United States over his left shoulder, David Roosevelt, grandson of FDR, visited with the trainees at Large Group. Roosevelt is executive director of the Arkansas Community Fund, Arkansas' first public foundation.

AEB Million Dollar Expansion Campaign (as of November 17, 1976)

Arkansas Lions Clubs	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
District L	\$55,787.51	\$ 39,135.36
District I	14,482.61	10,985.95
District O	29,847.00	20,663.00
District N	17,940.56	12,237.20
District S	86,742.21	65,548.77
Other Pledges (out of state Lions staff and other friends)	65,696.75	58,627.25
TOTAL	\$270,496.64	\$207,197.73

Memorials

GIFTS TO AEB

(Editor's note: Memorials to AEB may be made in any amount desired. Each will be acknowledged as directed and kept on permanent public record at the Center. Contributions also may be made in commemoration of joyous happenings to relatives and friends).

- Gilbert Fowler by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kimball
 Wilbur Love by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilkinson
 Harold W. White by Dr. J. M. Fowler
 Lauren W. Gregg Sr. by Cherokee Village Lions Club
 Mrs. Dudley Pritchard by Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Shaw
 George P. Walker by Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Shaw
 Horace Grimmett by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Glenn
 Arthur C. Johnson by The Robert L. Hebert Family
 Harold A. Ess by Forest Heights Post Office
 Tom Prien by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Prien
 Manley Shepherd by O. W. Long
 Mrs. Fred Borchert by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette
 Mrs. Ruth Gregory by Miss Rena Mae Metcalfe
 Quinn Beasley by Mrs. Marie Pumphrey Brown
 James Puryear by AEB Staff and Hope Lions Club
 Ray Cannon by Ozark Lions Club
 Robert Cheatham by Mr. and Mrs. Arch Haltom
 Ms. Connie Buffalo by Dr. J. M. Fowler
 G. Hamby Smith by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
 Dr. James R. Bryant by Dr. and Mrs. Russell Myers
 Mrs. J. A. Sheffield by A. G. Stone
 Mrs. J. A. Parrish by Lawson E. Glover, Mac Glover and Malvern Lions Club
 Jim Caylor by Roy Kumpe and AEB Staff
 Howard L. Buckner by Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley
 Hal Ritter by Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Ferrell & Marrs, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Bang and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pieper
 Mrs. Clyde Black by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Davis and Mrs. Carlton Webb
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 Mrs. Margaret Murphey by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
 Herbert Maus by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hinman
 Cecil Melville by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
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 Mrs. C. A. Hughes, Sr. by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
 H. H. Crawford by Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Honeycutt
 J. G. McDaniel by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Armstrong and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Browne
 Billy E. Evans by Hot Springs Mid-America Lions Club
 Ben Lessenberry by Judge Jack Holt, Sr., Jack Holt, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
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 Harry Newman by Dr. J. M. Fowler



COUNSELOR'S WORKSHOP — The AEB-hosted psycho-social counselor's workshop had several speakers, including Richard Roessler (right) from the Arkansas Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, Fayetteville. Pat Brown (left), AEB counselor, was the moderator for this session and introduced Roessler. Seven states were represented at the three-day workshop that dealt with the counselor's role in working in all areas with the blind.

- Robert W. Weeks by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Nutt, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kumpe
 Ed Cullum by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Willman
 Sylvester Wieneke by Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Ludden
 E. F. Tyson by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wallis and Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Walker
 Mrs. Verdine Gordon by Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Seay
 Harold Bottoms by Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Seay
 Paul Wagner by Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Boyle
 Mrs. L. T. Rowland by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Groves and Children
 J. Veron by University Heights Lions Club
 J. Cooper Dods by University Heights Lions Club
 W. C. Hill by Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Shaw
 Karl Albert Potter by Earl Morris, John McDaniel, H.T. Cole, D.C. Mickey, Alvin Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Long, Paragould Lions Club, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Noel, Dale Morgan, Donna Louise Herren Wells and Family, and John T. Meriwether
 Miss Eva Newcomb by Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Saunders, Mrs. Margie Foote, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wilmoth
 Mrs. Ruby Henary by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Broach

Coverage...

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 Early in November, KARK-TV reporter Deborah Mathis reported on AEB's electronic aids for the blind. Her report featured the Apollo Laser, the Optacon and the "talking calculator." Ms. Mathis had expressed interest in the equipment while covering the news conference for Dr. Andrew Adams.

Fred DeBrine, co-anchorman for KATV, is doing a series on the elderly in Arkansas and included two features on AEB's Older Blind program. Immediately following one Channel 7 report, AEB had referrals from three older blind individuals.

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